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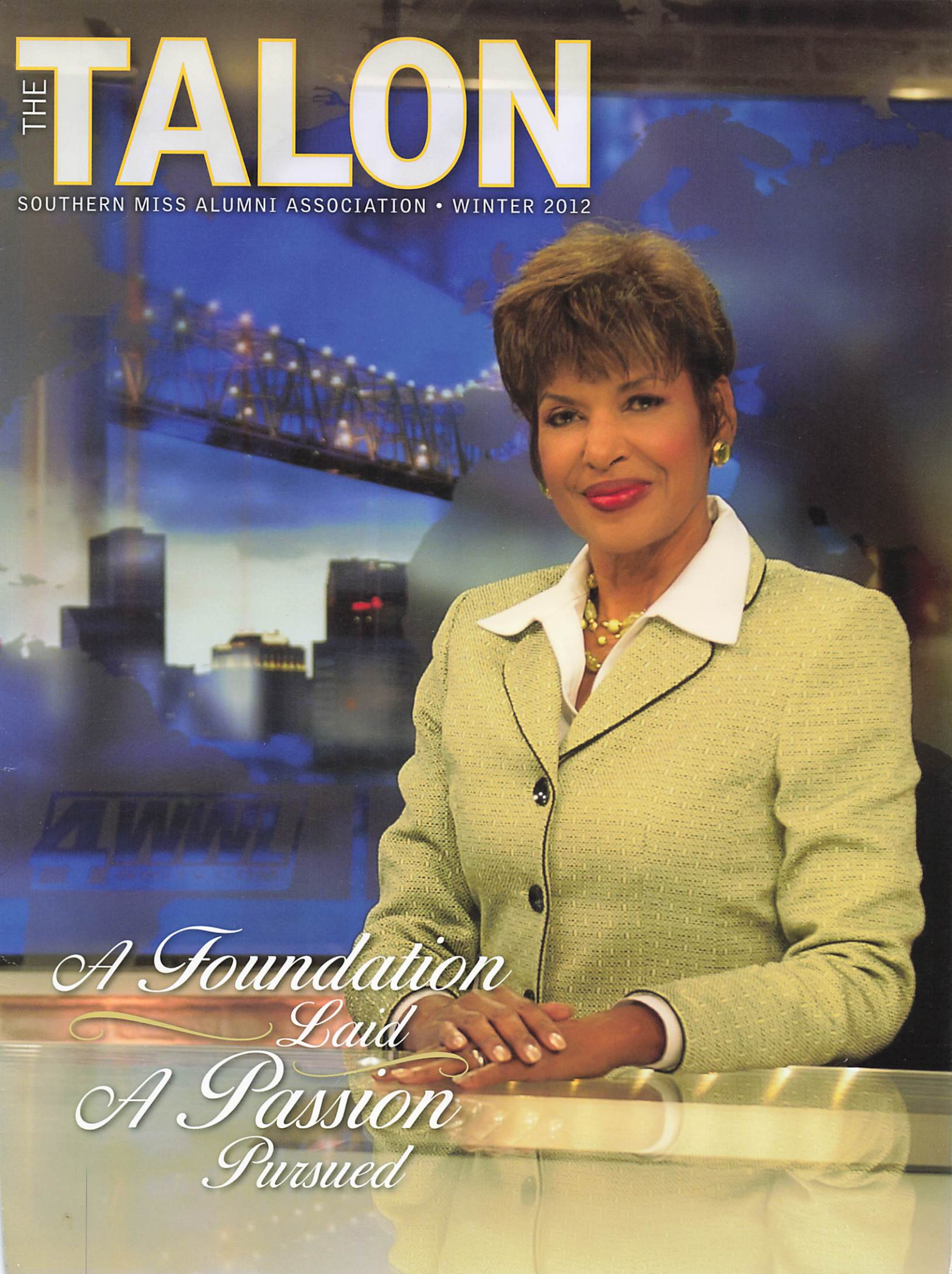

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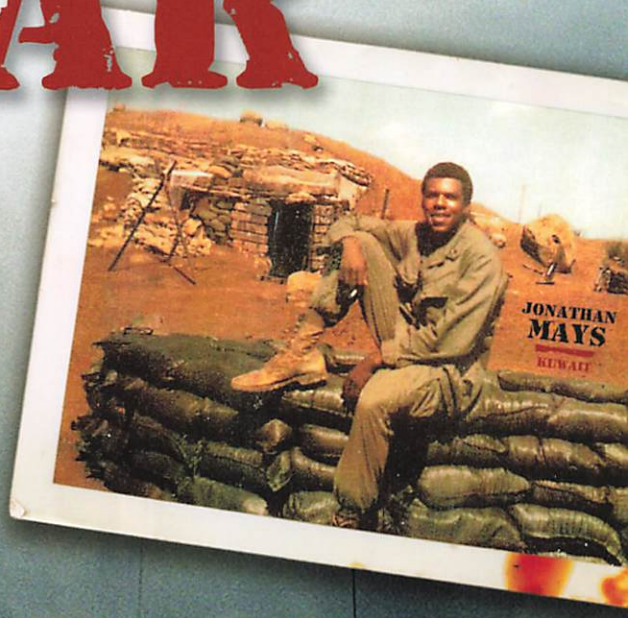

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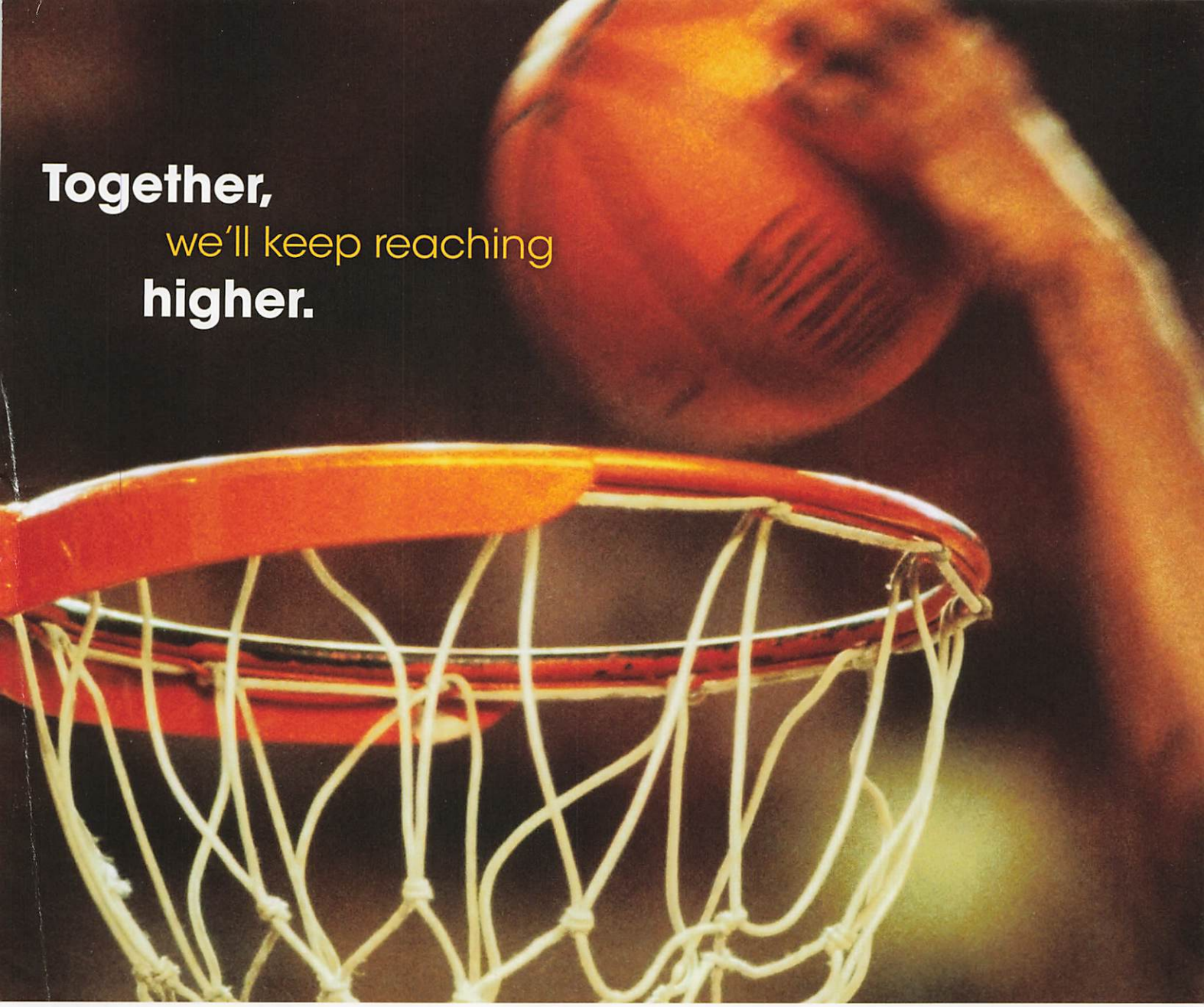

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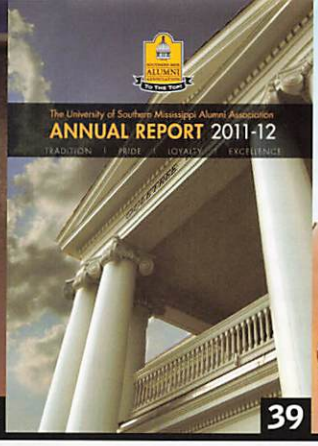

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FRONT COVER: SALLY-ANN ROBERTS '74, '76, CO-ANCHORS THE HIGHEST RATED LOCAL MORNING NEWS PROGRAM IN LOUISIANA ON WWLTV. ALONG WITH CO-ANCHOR ERIC PAULSEN, THE TWO PROVIDE A BLEND OF NEWS AND ENTERTAINMENT FROM 6 TO 9 A.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY ON CHANNEL 4'S *EYEWITNESS MORNING NEWS*. PHOTO BY KELLY DUNN.

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Season's Greetings

FROM OUR HOME TO YOURS

One of the Southern Miss Alumni Association's true joys this holiday season is the opportunity to wish you a Merry Christmas and the very best for the New Year.

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To find out how you can stay connected to the Southern Miss Alumni Association, visit SouthernMissAlumni.com/socialmedia.

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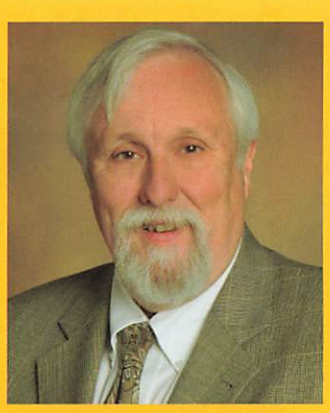

Competition, Southern Miss alumni are well aware, brings out the best in opponents in athletic endeavors. Like the University's alumni, Southern Miss faculty and students love cheering on the home team, but we know that it is collaboration, rather than competition, that produces the most significant results in the research laboratories and fields. As an alumnus or alumna, you can be proud of the research faculty and students are conducting, as it is bringing favor to your alma mater.

The truth is that Mississippi's public universities work collaboratively much more frequently and effectively than many may realize. And the truth is that the competitive public and private funding secured and the research conducted by the state's public institutions, including The University of Southern Mississippi, is more significant than many realize. Despite a ban on federal earmarks for research, in FY12 Mississippi public institutions were able to secure more than $400 million in external funds for research—The University of Southern Mississippi was able to secure more than $63 million, exceeding all of its peers with the exception of Mississippi State.

University researchers across the state have appreciated the results of successful collaborations for decades now. The Mississippi Research Consortium, formed in 1986, is a coalition of Mississippi's four research universities—The University of Southern Mississippi, Jackson State University, Mississippi State University and the University of Mississippi. The consortium serves as the Governor's science and technology advisors and is tasked with not only developing and sharing resources, but extending technology development in Mississippi, enhancing economic opportunities for the state of Mississippi, and making the most of our state's significant human potential. The University of Southern Mississippi values its role in this consortium.

Mississippi residents should know that enhancing the quality of your life is a focus of Southern Miss research. We are continuing to meet head-on the intellectual and human issues of the day. The challenges are formidable, and university professors and students are tackling the issues through relevant research that translates into real-world applications and learning opportunities. Simply put, the research conducted is improving not only Mississippi and beyond, but also the lives of Mississippians in a number of ways. For example, at Southern Miss:

- Whether it's helping children to learn better in school, providing training for teachers or researching autism in children, our College of Education and Psychology is addressing a myriad of societal issues.
- Through a variety of state and federally funded grants, faculty members and students in our College of Health are conducting research on projects ranging from deaf education to obesity in the Mississippi Delta.
- Our School of Polymers and High Performance Materials is a national leader in the multidisciplinary field that touches on everyday items such as LCD TVs, paints and coatings, synthetic fabrics, golf clubs and shampoo. Our unique business incubator, the Accelerator, is located in Hattiesburg. At 60,000 square feet, the Accelerator provides state-of-the-art space, technology and professional advice to start-up companies that can work collaboratively with Southern Miss researchers.
- Our commitment to the Mississippi Gulf Coast is perhaps best evident in, although not limited to, our oil spill-related research. Our work on the Mississippi Gulf Coast extends from border to border. We recognize that the north-central Gulf of Mexico is one of the most biologically productive environments in the world, and our research will help ensure it remains so.
- The work of our Gulf Coast Research Laboratory in Ocean Springs is focused on sustainable coastal and marine resources, development of new marine technologies, and the education of future scientists and citizens. Seventy-five percent of GCRL's operations are funded by grants, contracts and self-generated funds with a direct $12-15 million annual contribution to the region.
- Our National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security is offering solutions for the safety and security for sports stadiums and arenas that have been identified as potential targets of terrorism.

This research, not only at Southern Miss but at public institutions across the state, has and will continue to serve Mississippians well for decades to come.

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Vice Provost for Research

Danforth Named Mississippi Humanities Council Teacher of the Year

Dr. Marie Danforth

The Mississippi Humanities Council (MHC) recently named Dr. Marie Danforth, professor of anthropology, The University of Southern Mississippi's "Teacher of the Year."

On Nov. 19, Danforth presented her award-winning research titled, "La Fin Du Voyage: Bioarchaeology, History and the French Colonial Experience."

The MHC is a private, nonprofit corporation funded by Congress through the National Endowment for the Humanities. MHC sponsors, supports and conducts a wide range of programs designed to promote understanding of our cultural heritage, interpret our own experience, foster critical thinking, encourage reasonable public discourse and strengthen our sense of community, thus empowering Mississippi's people with a vision for the future.

As one of the country's leading bioarchaeologists, Danforth discussed her excavations of two 18th-century sites. One of the sites, located in Biloxi, served as a staging area for immigrants brought to settle the Gulf Coast. The other, at Fort Michilimackinac in Michigan, reflected a more diverse population of French and Native American fur traders and soldiers.

A member of the Southern Miss faculty since 1987, Danforth was chosen for her ability to engage and challenge her students, whether in a large lecture hall or in one-on-one mentoring. Her students describe her as demanding, but caring and always happy to help them as they prepare for a world beyond their University education.

College of Nursing's Nugent Elected President of Regional Board

Dr. Katherine Nugent

Dr. Katherine Nugent, dean of the College of Nursing at The University of Southern Mississippi, has been elected president of the Southern Educational Board (SREB) Council on Collegiate Education for Nursing.

Before gaining the presidency, Nugent served as vice president and board member.

The organization's focus is to serve as a proactive advocate for greater excellence and access to nursing education in the 16 SREB states and the District of Columbia.

The council provides in-time data on administrative, faculty and student data in nursing programs in the region. The council's primary purpose is to remain responsive to nursing educational issues and to provide leadership in meeting the educational issues.

NCS4, SDM Magazine Announce Award for Innovation in Venue Security Design

The National Center for Spectator Sports Safety and Security (NCS4) at The University of Southern Mississippi and *SDM Magazine* announce the new "Golden Eagle Award" recognizing excellence in system integration, architecture, engineering and construction, specifically related to the safety and security of spectators, property and infrastructure of spectator event facilities.

The criteria for the Golden Eagle Award will consider the critical design and functionality elements that enable and promote the safety and security of all stakeholders in an efficient and effective manner. Applicants from leading systems integration, architecture, design, engineering and consulting firms are invited to submit case studies from successful projects which had safety and security front and center in planning and execution.

A panel of judges will review all applications and choose the most compelling projects. The winning submission will be selected as the first Golden Eagle Award recipient. For more information about the Golden Eagle Award or case study submissions, visit ncs4.com/conference/awards.

Evans Receives Top Honor from Mid-South Educational Research Association

Dr. Mary Beth Evans

Even at age 95, University of Southern Mississippi professor Dr. Mary Beth Evans still enjoys coming to work to help her students prepare for rewarding careers as educators.

That passion for education has not gone unnoticed by one of the region's top educational organizations, the Mid-South Educational Research Association, which recently recognized her with its top honor, the Walter M. Mathews Historical Contributions Award.

Evans has been a member of the College of Education and Psychology's Department of Curriculum, Instruction and Special Education (CISE) faculty for nearly 25 years in a career in education approaching nearly 75 years. She earned an Ed.D. in administration and supervision from Wayne State University in 1964.

Her other career honors include the Blue Cross/Blue Shield's Ageless Hero Award for Lifelong Learning in 2004, among numerous others.

Evans has taught and directed education programs and been instrumental in developing model summer school programs across the United States, as well as programs in early childhood. She has researched educational initiatives around the world, studying early childhood education programming in Taiwan, China, Haiti and England.

Campus Live Oak Transformed into Golden Eagle by Chainsaw Artist

Dayton Scoggins, left, a chainsaw artist from Columbia, and his son Kenny pose with a live oak the two carved into a golden eagle Nov. 17, on The University of Southern Mississippi's Hattiesburg campus. The tree located next to the Walker Science Building and across from the R.C. Cook University Union, was to be cut down because of disease but now has new artistic purpose in the form of the University's mascot.

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Southern Miss Students Receive Advice from Veterinary Administrator

Dr. Richard Meiring, assistant dean of Admissions and Student Affairs in the College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University, met with preprofessional students at Southern Miss. Pictured here with Meiring are, from left, Miriam Featherston, biological sciences major; Marguerite O'Brien, microbiology major; and Madison Hicks, biological sciences major.

Dr. Richard W. Meiring, assistant dean for Admissions and Student Affairs at the College of Veterinary Medicine at Mississippi State University recently visited The University of Southern Mississippi campus to speak with health care preprofessional students interested in veterinary medicine.

Meiring, a clinical professor, discussed application processes, admission procedures, and expectations of students who apply to the program.

Meiring emphasized to the interested students that as early as their freshman year, they should start shadowing a vet, which will help them when they apply to veterinary school. Students can apply in the spring of their junior year.

Maylisa Smith, a biological sciences major, noted that Meiring gave students insight as to what the competition for entry is like and how to become more desirable applicants.

Dr. Patricia Biesiot, associate dean of the College of Science and Technology and Health Care Preprofessional adviser, welcomed Meiring to campus.

The visit was coordinated by the College of Science and Technology through the Health Care Preprofessional office, which advises more than 500 Southern Miss students in health care preprofessional fields.

The office offers assistance with course selection, schedule planning and application processes for post-baccalaureate programs. These programs include medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, physical therapy, occupational therapy, physician assistant, optometry and veterinary medicine. Help is also available for the preprofessional areas of cytotechnology, dental hygiene, health informatics and information management, and radiologic sciences.

Southern Miss Alumna Collins Earns Prestigious National Award in Education

Melissa Collins, a graduate of The University of Southern Mississippi's educational leadership doctoral program, is the recipient of the coveted California Casualty Award for Teaching Excellence. The award is presented jointly through the National Education Association (NEA) and the NEA Foundation.

Collins, who teaches at John P. Freeman Optional School in Memphis, Tenn., is one of only 38 recipients of the award, which she will receive during the National Education Foundation's Salute to Excellence in Education Gala in February. The event is known as the "Academy Awards" of public education, attracting more than 850 national leaders in public education, philanthropy and the private sector.

Collins also earned a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Education (PAEMST) in 2009, and was honored along with other award recipients from across the country during a ceremony at the White House in January 2010. It is the highest honor for outstanding teaching bestowed upon K-12 math and science educators in the U.S.

She is actively involved in her school community and in multiple local, state, regional and national educational organizations.

Former President Shelby Thames to be Inducted into Innovators Hall of Fame

The Mississippi Technology Alliance inducted a former University of Southern Mississippi president into its Innovators Hall of Fame on Nov. 13.

Dr. Shelby Thames, a Distinguished University Research Professor in the University's world-renowned School of Polymers and High Performance Materials, led his alma mater as its executive officer from 2002-07. In addition to the Hall of Fame induction, Thames received an Award of Excellence from the alliance at its annual awards gala.

The MTA launched the Innovators Hall of Fame in 2008 as a way to honor individuals in the state who have made great achievements in the areas of innovation and technology.

Former University of Southern Mississippi president Dr. Shelby Thames.

Carolyn Dubard Putnam '69 and sister-in-law Ann Dubard view an exhibit at the Cook Library honoring their late aunt, Etoile DuBard, founder of the DuBard School for Language Disorders.

Exhibit Opened in Cook Library in Honor of Dr. Etoile DuBard

To celebrate the 50th anniversary of the DuBard School for Language Disorders, University Libraries, in coordination with the DuBard School, have designed an exhibit featuring Etoile DuBard, founder of the DuBard School. *Dr. Etoile DuBard: Pioneer, Teacher, Inspiration* will be on display in the lobby of Cook Library through January 18, 2013.

Etoile DuBard led a full and inspiring life. From her naval career during WWII to her work with the education of children with speech, language and hearing disorders, dyslexia and other reading disabilities, Etoile was an inspiration to those around her. Over the course of her teaching career, she helped thousands of children and their families. From a multitude of students faced with language-speech and hearing challenges, to the university students who learned under her guidance and direction, Etoile's scholarship, compassion and generosity are reflected in the lives and work of all who had the privilege of calling her teacher, professor, mentor and friend. The DuBard School for Language Disorders continues her work today.

For more information regarding this exhibit, contact Jessica Clark at 601.266.4348 or J.M.Clark@usm.edu.

Southern Miss Student Ranks in Top 10 at the American Quarter Horse Congress

Colton Reid

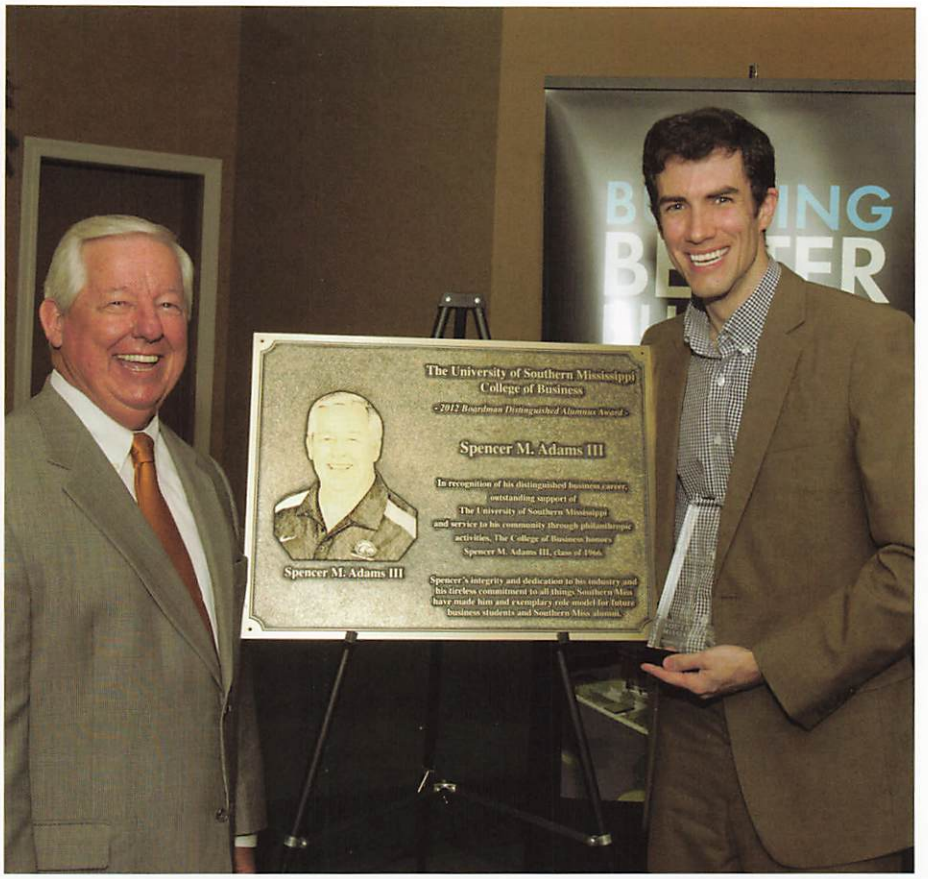
University of Southern Mississippi student Colton Reid and his horse Della competed and earned a top-10 ranking in the nation's biggest horse show, the American Quarter Horse Congress.

Reid ranked in the top 10 in the Novice Amateur Showmanship class and top 25 in the Novice Amateur Trail at the AQHC in Columbus, Ohio.

A finance major from Hattiesburg, Reid had previously placed in the top 10 in two separate divisions in the AQHC East Novice Championship Show. At that event, he and Della competed and placed in both the Novice Amateur Performance Halter Mares and in the Novice Amateur Trail, going up against approximately 115 other horses.

The Oak Grove High School graduate has been competing for the past four years, accumulating numerous awards, and is now considered a Regional Champion since his ranking in Region 9.

Adams, Loftus Honored as Southern Miss College of Business Alumni of Year



Spencer Adams, left, and Jared Loftus were recognized as the Southern Miss College of Business Alumni of the Year during a ceremony on Nov. 2.

Retired businessman Spencer Adams '66 and budding entrepreneur Jared Loftus '04 were honored as 2012 Alumni of the Year by The University of Southern Mississippi's College of Business during a luncheon on Nov. 2.

Adams, former president and CEO of Pickett & Adams Insurance, received the Boardman Distinguished Alumnus of the Year Award. Loftus, president and CEO of online apparel store College District, was presented the Outstanding Young Alumnus of the Year Award.

Adams is no stranger to the Southern Miss family, having served on numerous search committees for head coaches, athletics directors, deans and presidents. He is also a founding member of the Business Advisory Council, which serves the College of Business.

Loftus began his football T-shirt business in Baton Rouge shortly after earning his degree at Southern Miss. That fledgling operation has grown to a hugely successful online company that features a wide variety of custom college apparel. He was named to the Baton Rouge Top 40 Under 40 in 2011.

The Boardman Awards are presented in conjunction with the Boardman Forum, established by Joseph Boardman of Gulfport. The Forum also sponsors the Boardman Entrepreneur of the Year Award and fosters interaction with students through class presentations by professionals throughout the year.

Upcoming Events Calendar

All events are subject to change and should be confirmed. Any questions regarding these events can be directed to the Southern Miss Alumni Association at alumni@usm.edu or call 601.266.5013. Please visit SouthernMissAlumni.com for the most up-to-date calendar. All events are located on the Hattiesburg campus unless otherwise noted. For athletics schedules, visit SouthernMiss.com. The baseball, softball and men's basketball remaining home schedules are included in the Athletic News section of this edition of *The Talon*. For additional performance dates and more information on Arts and Letters events, visit SouthernMissTickets.com.

December

21–31 Campus Offices Closed for Holidays
Offices on campus, including the Ogletree House, will close for the holiday break. Should you require immediate assistance from the Alumni Association, please email alumni@usm.edu. SouthernMissAlumni.com will be periodically updated during the break as well.

January

2 Campus Offices Re-open

19 Annual Alumni Volunteer Leadership Conference
Noon – 3 p.m. | Ogletree House

25 Alumni Artist: Hope Fairchild Thacker, Mezzo Soprano
7:30 p.m. | Marsh Auditorium | Admission is free.

31 Caerus Mardi Gras Parade
7 p.m. | Hattiesburg | Come join the festivities, as the Southern Miss Alumni Association takes part in the second annual Hattiesburg Mardi Gras parade.

February

14 A Musical Valentine
7:30 p.m. | Bennett Auditorium | Tickets $14, $16 or $18

16 Sigma Alpha Epsilon presents Tickled Pink 5K Run/Walk benefitting The Pink Ribbon Fund of Hattiesburg
9 a.m. | Pride Field | $15 | For more information, visit the group's Facebook page or contact the organization's Philanthropy Chair Will McClure at wmcclure8222@gmail.com.

28 Broadway in the 'Burg: Sweeney Todd
7:30 p.m. | Mannoni Performing Arts Center
Tickets $20 (General) and $15 (Student)

March

2 South Central Mississippi Alumni Chapter's Annual Boys and Girls Club Night
7 p.m. | Reed Green Coliseum | Southern Miss Men's Basketball vs. East Carolina

27 Founders' Day
Observations of the University's Founders' Day will be March 27. For more information, visit usm.edu/foundersday.

SOUTHERN MISS TRiViA

Here are a few questions to test your knowledge of Southern Miss history. Answer two or three accurately, and you can consider yourself a loyal alumnus or alumna. Answer zero or one correctly, and you may want to double check to make sure your diploma is not from a university in north Mississippi.

1. What famous musician performed with The University of Southern Mississippi Symphony Orchestra in 1998? (Hint: The concert was held in Reed Green Coliseum.)
2. What former standout football star was also the first African-American to be elected Mr. USM?
3. Under what head coach did the men's basketball team finish its season 23-1 and second in UPI's college division poll?
4. What building on the Hattiesburg campus sits atop the campus landmark that was known as "The Sunken Garden"?
5. In what year was the student ban on dancing lifted?

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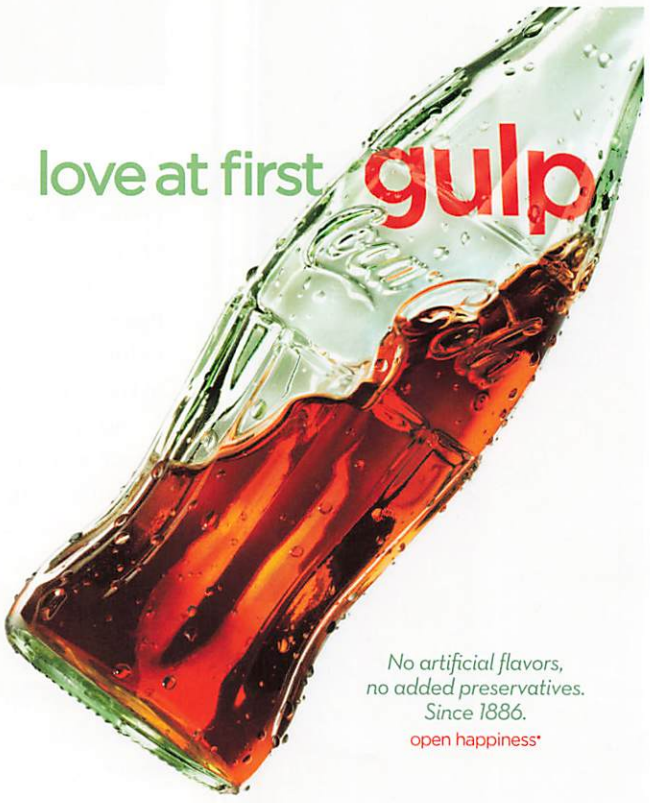

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ALUMNI HALL of FAME CLASS OF 2012

Seven of the University's most dedicated and distinguished graduates joined the exclusive ranks of the Southern Miss Alumni Hall of Fame on Oct. 19 as one of the highlights of the 2012 Homecoming celebration.

The 2012 inductees into the Alumni Hall of Fame included, from left, Jimmy McKenzie, Mike Magusiak, Becky Smart Montague, Bernard Green, Reed Allison, Tom McDonnell and Raymond VanNorman.

The Alumni Hall of Fame was established in 1987 to recognize those whose contributions of time and financial means have helped move the University forward. The nominee must have graduated fifteen years previously.

The 2012 inductees include:

Reed Allison
CLASS OF '83

Reed Allison is a 1983 graduate of the College of Business at The University of Southern Mississippi, where he majored in marketing and played on the baseball team. During his tenure at Southern Miss, Allison balanced the demands of both academics and athletics. Allison's parents instilled in him that he was at Southern Miss first to get an education and second to play baseball.

While Allison attained the knowledge necessary to succeed in the finance industry in the classroom, he learned the value of teamwork on the field.

After graduating from Southern Miss, Allison earned his MBA from Loyola University while working for First NBC Bank. After 17 years in the banking industry, he entered the investment business, where he has been for the last 10 years. He currently serves as senior vice president/investments for Stifel Nicolaus & Company in Gulfport.

Allison is a member of the USM Foundation Honor Club and previously served on the USM Foundation Board of Directors as the Investment Committee chair. He is also a Life Member of the Southern Miss Alumni Association, where he has previously served as chair of the Alumni Association Finance Committee.

In 2011, Allison established the Reed Allison Business Scholarship. The scholarship housed in the USM Foundation will be awarded to a student in the College of Business who is a baseball player, based on the student's academic performance at the University.

Allison emphasizes the importance of private support for Southern Miss; this was Allison's way of giving something back to a university that has given so much to him. His hope is that the scholarships will help the baseball team and eventually be able to give additional scholarships to athletes that need it.

Arthur Bernard Green

CLASS OF '94

Arthur Bernard Green, a native of Kokomo, is the president and agency owner of Bernard Green Insurance Inc., an exclusive Allstate Insurance Agency located in Hattiesburg. He is committed to helping people accumulate wealth and protecting it along the way by using an array of insurance and financial services. Additionally, he is the president and chief executive officer of A.B. Green & Associates Inc., a real estate investment and development firm. As a citizen-soldier, Green is currently serving as a commissioned officer in the United States Army Reserve and holds the rank of Major. In 1994, Green earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration with an emphasis in finance from The University of Southern Mississippi.

Green has been affiliated with Allstate Insurance Company for nearly 15 years. He has served on the Allstate National Advisory Board as the co-chair of the Financial Growth Committee. He has earned the Allstate Life Leader Award, Chairman's Inner Circle, National Conference and the Allstate Honor Ring. In 2000, Green was named the Top Allstate Agency in the state of Mississippi. He also received the Allstate Good Hands in the Community Award from the Allstate Foundation for his involvement in the local community. He is an active member of the Hattiesburg Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, the Southern Miss Alumni Association, the National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors and the Area Development Partnership, serving on the Board of Directors. He has also served on the board of numerous organizations including the Salvation Army, Boys and Girls Club, the American Red Cross, the United Way Funds Distribution Committee, the Greater Pine Belt Community Foundation and the Hattiesburg-Laurel Regional Airport Board of Commissioners.

Green and his daughters, Ieesha, Raegan and Alexandria, and his grandson, Lenden, are active members of West Point Baptist Church in Hattiesburg. He is the son of the late Reverend Arthur L. Green and Debora P. Green of Kokomo.

Michael H. Magusiak

CLASS OF '78

Mike Magusiak earned his bachelor's degree in accounting from The University of Southern Mississippi in 1978. He is a certified public accountant and holds a master's degree in business administration from the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Magusiak is currently the president, chief executive officer and a member of the Board of Directors of CEC Entertainment Inc. CEC Entertainment Inc. is traded on the New York Stock Exchange and operates a system of approximately 560 Chuck E. Cheese's, located in 48 states and eight foreign countries. Magusiak has been with Chuck E. Cheese's for more than 25 years and was the chief financial officer and a member of the Board of Directors when the company went public in 1989. Magusiak was promoted to president in 1994 and chief executive officer in 2008. His vision is to significantly grow the concept both domestically and internationally, providing children throughout the world with the opportunity to hug Chuck E. Cheese and create lifelong family memories.

Magusiak and his wife, Wendy, who were instrumental in the establishment of Holy Trinity Catholic School, have been married for more than 30 years and are the proud parents of three sons, Jason, Matthew and Nicholas, who attended the Catholic school from kindergarten through eighth grade. Jason recently graduated from

the University of Texas with a master's degree in accounting, preceded by a bachelor's degree in accounting from St. Louis University, and is working for KPMG, a public accounting firm. Matthew is a senior at the University of Mississippi and is earning a double major in accounting and marketing, and Nicholas is a junior at Nolan Catholic High School. The Magusiaks are active in Good Shepherd Catholic Community and have sponsored several couples married in the church.

As a family, the Magusiaks enjoy boating. Magusiak is an avid golfer, and he and Wendy enjoy watching Jason and Nicholas play ice hockey.

Tom McDonnell

CLASS OF '86

Tom McDonnell is co-chairman, co-CEO and director of Franchise Services of North America Inc. (FSNA), a publicly traded holding company on the Canadian stock exchange. FSNA is the holding company for several car rental brands operating more than 1,100 stores in many countries. Additionally, McDonnell is president of the LeFleur Transportation family of companies that provides non-emergency medical transportation services to government and corporate clients in various states throughout the country.

McDonnell holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from The University of Southern Mississippi. He remains an avid and committed supporter of the University. McDonnell is a member of the USM Honor Club Gallery of Benefactors, a current member and past president of the Southern Miss Business Advisory Council for the College of Business, a past member of the USM Foundation Board and Investment Committee, and in 2009 was honored as the Southern Miss College of Business Boardman Distinguished Alumnus of the Year.

As past chairman of deacons at Broadmoor Baptist Church, McDonnell currently serves on various church committees. In addition, he is a member of the Board of Trustees for the Mississippi Kidney Foundation, was awarded the Top 40 Under 40, *Mississippi Business Journal's* Leading Business and Community Leadership Award, and is a generous supporter of many local and civic organizations.

McDonnell is married to Jana Files McDonnell '83, and both are founders of PIC International, a nonprofit corporation dedicated to the support of Christian ministries and churches around the world. The couple has two daughters, Kate Lee and Anna Margaret.

James F. McKenzie

CLASS OF '53

Jimmy McKenzie, a native of Hattiesburg, attended The University of Southern Mississippi from 1949 to 1953. While at Southern Miss, McKenzie was a member of Kappa Alpha Order, serving as president during his junior and senior year and was a member of the Interfraternity Council and the Student Council.

During the summers of 1951 and 1952, McKenzie attended the U.S. Naval Reserve Officer Candidate Program, and upon graduating from Southern Miss, he was commissioned into the U.S. Naval Reserve for two years of active duty.

When released from active duty, McKenzie attended the University of Mississippi School of Law. While in law school, he served as editor of the *Mississippi Law Journal*, among other campus involvement.

Upon graduation, McKenzie joined a law firm in Hattiesburg, where he engaged in the active practice of law until his retirement on Dec. 31, 2000. While an active practicing attorney, McKenzie served as president of the South Central Bar Association, a commissioner of the Mississippi Board of Bar Commissioners, president of the Hattiesburg Kiwanis Club, director of the Hattiesburg Arts Council, board member of the Hattiesburg/Forrest County Public Library, and the Court of Honor for the Emmett Lee Irwin Province Kappa Alpha Order.

McKenzie remained active in the U.S. Naval Reserve until his retirement on July 1, 1970, at which time he had attained the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

McKenzie currently serves as an Advisory Board Member for BancorpSouth, a member of the Board of Directors of Forrest General Healthcare Foundation, commissioner of Forrest County Industrial Park Commission and member of the USM Foundation Honor Club at the Patron of 1910 level. McKenzie is a past member of the Advisory Board for the Southern Miss Partners for the Arts and served as chair for the organization in 2003-04.

McKenzie and his wife, Mary Virginia, have two daughters, Catherine M. Campbell and Mary Ellen McKenzie. They are the proud grandparents of Matt Anthony, who is currently serving in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Rebecca Smart Montague

CLASS OF '94

Becky Montague, a native of Vicksburg, is an honor graduate of the National Center for Paralegal Training in Atlanta, Ga., graduated summa cum laude from The University of Southern Mississippi and earned a master's degree in fiction writing from The Writing Seminars at Johns Hopkins University. As an undergraduate at Southern Miss, she received the Howard Bahr Award, given annually to the most outstanding student in the English department, where she concentrated her studies in the Center for Writers.

Montague served on the faculty of Jones County Junior College until 2006, when she left teaching to devote more time to writing and community service. She is the author of *Bringing the World to Mississippi: The University of Southern Mississippi Symphony Orchestra*, published in 2010 by The University Press of Mississippi, and is currently working on a novel.

An active volunteer, Montague has served her community on the boards of the Hattiesburg Concert Association, Hattiesburg Arts Council and Historic Hattiesburg Downtown Association. She was a co-founder of the Hattiesburg Public Art and Design Initiative, served on the *Hattiesburg American* editorial board, and serves on the vestry of Trinity Episcopal Church. She is a Forrest County Master Gardener.

This Life Member of the Alumni Association has served her alma mater on the boards of both the USM Foundation and Alumni Association. She is a long-time Advisory Board member, former chair of Partners for the Arts, and was arts chair of the Southern Miss Centennial Committee. In addition, Montague has also served on the Advisory Board for the College of Arts and Letters, co-chaired the college's annual arts gala and has been a member of numerous search committees across campus.

Montague and her husband, Doug, are the parents of three Southern Miss graduates. They have endowed a scholarship in support of the University's symphony orchestra and are members of the Honor Club and Eagle Club.

Raymond VanNorman

CLASSES OF '87, '89

As the anticipation of The University of Southern Mississippi's Centennial celebration continued to build, generous alumni such as Raymond VanNorman led the way in the Centennial Scholarship Endowment fundraising campaign. VanNorman and his wife, Michelle Williams VanNorman '89, made a significant gift to ensure that the University continued to provide top-flight education and scholarship opportunities to its students. VanNorman saw the Centennial Scholarship Endowment as an imperative component to continuing the excellence of education and has expressed that he and his wife attended Southern Miss because of the scholarships that were once offered to them. It is his hope that their gift will help other future Golden Eagles decide to attend Southern Miss.

While at Southern Miss, among other student organizations, VanNorman was a member of Phi Kappa Tau fraternity.

Since his time at the University, VanNorman remained involved with his alma mater. From 2010-11, he was the University's Foundation Board president and was a member of the Foundation's Board of Directors from 2004-07 and 2007-10.

This Life Member of the Southern Miss Alumni Association is a member of the Eagle Club, the Foundation's President's Circle and the Business Advisory Council, which among other duties, presents nominations for the Southern Miss Boardman Entrepreneur of the Year Award.

VanNorman's career has been spent in the financial industry in banking and investment. He is currently self-employed as an investor and the regional president of BankFirst Financial Services in Madison.

VanNorman and his wife, Michelle, a pediatrician at Rankin Children's Group in Brandon, who has previously served a three-year term on the Alumni Association's board and was a member of the Alumni Director Search Committee, are the proud parents of three children, Zachary, Katie and Natalie.

To submit a Hall of Fame nomination for the 2013 induction, visit SouthernMissAlumni.com.

2012 AWARD WINNERS

Each year at Homecoming, the Alumni Association honors distinguished alumni and the University's most faithful servants at the Annual Awards Lunch and Business Meeting. While nominations are accepted year round, submissions must be received by May 30 each year for the approaching Homecoming ceremonies in the fall. Nominations can be made at SouthernMissAlumni.com, by fax to 601.266.4214, or mail to the Southern Miss Alumni Association, 118 College Drive #5013, Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001.

The Alumni Association presents six awards each year, a list that includes:

Outstanding Service Award
Given to up to seven alumni based on their service to the University.

Continuous Outstanding Service Award
Given to up to five alumni for their long-term efforts and dedication to Southern Miss.

Special Service Award
Given to individuals, not necessarily alumni, who have made a significant, unique contribution to the University, community, or his or her profession.

Outstanding Young Alumnus/Alumna Award
Given to one alum thirty-six years of age or younger who has made contributions of time and effort to the University, community, and his or her profession.

Moran Pope Meritorious Service Award
Given to one alum annually who has continued to give of his or her time and talents throughout the years to recognize outstanding alumni support, professional achievement, loyalty, and service to the University.

Friend of Southern Miss Award
Given to one individual annually who is not an alum, but has contributed greatly to the progress of Southern Miss throughout the years.

Kim Bradley '86
Outstanding Service Award

Kim Bradley is serving his second term as the representative of Ward One, which includes the northwestern part of Hattiesburg, The University of Southern Mississippi, Lake Terrace Convention Center and the Southern Miss Research Center. He is currently the president of the City Council.

Bradley owns Taylor Rental, a Hattiesburg company offering rental tools, supplies and equipment for outdoor weddings and parties, home projects, construction projects and moving.

Born and raised in Hattiesburg, Bradley is a graduate of Hattiesburg High School and holds a Bachelor of Science degree in business from Southern Miss. While at Southern Miss, Bradley was president of Kappa Alpha Order.

Bradley is a member of the Southern Miss Alumni Association and the Circle of Champions. He is a member and former president of the Board of Directors of Hattiesburg Country Club and is an active member of First Baptist Church. He and his wife Erin Pittman Bradley, have two daughters, Alex, a junior at Southern Miss and Abby, a senior at Presbyterian Christian High School.

Wayne '72 and Margo Boyd '76
Outstanding Service Award

Wayne Boyd and wife Margo Sanders Boyd of Huntsville, Ala., are fervent supporters of the Southern Miss Alumni Association, both heavily involved in the Association's North Alabama chapter.

As a student senator at Southern Miss during 1971-72, Wayne co-authored the resolution that initiated the Southern Miss mascot name change to Golden Eagles; a resolution initiative that received unanimous support.

Wayne is now an acquisition logistician with 5-D Systems Inc., working at Redstone Arsenal.

Margo currently owns Chalice Imports, her own wine import/wholesale distribution company, which offers exclusive German wine selections, among others.

After 40 years of marriage, both Wayne and Margo are most proud of their children, two sets of identical twins, Joseph Franklin and Stephen Nelson and Meghan Rose '07 and Allison Joyce, all college graduates. Additionally, Wayne and Margo support a child in Rwanda through Compassion International and volunteer for Compassion events in North Alabama.

Lavon Crane '81
Outstanding Service Award

A Life Member of the Southern Miss Alumni Association, Lavon Crane received a BSBA degree in accounting from Southern Miss in 1981. He is a member of the Southeast Central Alumni Chapter, where he has served as president of the chapter for the past three years and as a member of the Eagle Club.

A lifelong resident of Wayne County, Crane has one daughter, Jennifer C. White, who is also a Southern Miss graduate and a Life Member of the Alumni Association.

Crane has been employed with Wayne General Hospital since 1979 and currently holds the position of CFO. He is a member of the Healthcare

Financial Management Association and the Mississippi Rural Health Association. In addition, Crane has been a Southern Baptist bi-vocational pastor since 1986, presently serving as pastor of Mt. Zion Baptist Church. He has held various committee positions in the Wayne County Baptist Association, including a term as vice moderator and moderator.

Crane is currently a member of Moody Radio South "WMBU" Advisory Board, past president and current member of the Waynesboro Rotary Club, recipient of the 2011 Paul Harris Rotary Foundation Award, and a member of the Wayne County Forestry Association and Farm Bureau.

Brent Greenwald '99, '02

Outstanding Service Award

A native of Pascagoula, Brent Greenwald currently resides in Mobile, Ala., with his wife Kelly McShane Greenwald '02 and their daughter Lauren.

A Life Member of the Southern Miss Alumni Association, Greenwald is active in the Mobile Bay chapter of the Alumni Association and Eagle Club. Through his involvement in this local Association chapter, he was instrumental in the creation of the Mobile Bay Crawfish Boil, an event for incoming students, current students and alumni, which raised $3,000 for the Mickey Marshall Endowment this year. The Mobile Bay chapter has given an annual scholarship to an incoming freshman from Mobile or Baldwin County for many years prior to this inaugural crawfish boil. Greenwald also serves on the Mobile Bay Alumni Association Steering Committee, which is responsible for the Mobile Bay Golf Classic, as well as Southern Miss After Hours in Mobile.

As an undergraduate at Southern Miss, Greenwald was an active member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon, was elected Interfraternity Council President, served on Southern Style and was selected Mr. USM by his peers.

In his professional career, Greenwald is currently a vaccine sales specialist with GlaxoSmithKline.

Dorian Scott '02

Outstanding Service Award

Upon graduating from Southern Miss, Dorian Scott established a successful career in alumni and foundation relations during her six years at Georgia State University. Scott left Georgia State University to start Southern Style Hospitality LLC, a special event and hospitality consultation firm.

During Scott's time at Southern Miss, she worked for the USM Foundation, was a member of The Legacy, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc. and Phi Kappa Pi Honor Society. She was the recipient of numerous awards including the Hattie Lott Hardy Scholarship and the Barbara Shoemaker Excellence in Public Relations Award.

Scott was an active member of the Hattiesburg community, serving as a volunteer for organizations such as the United Way of Southeast Mississippi and Habitat for Humanity. Scott is completing her final year as a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, where she serves on the membership committee, minority engagement committee and presidential transition team.

Scott is married to Cedric Scott '00, '09, a former Golden Eagle football All-American. They have an 18-month-old son, Cedric "CJ" Scott Jr. The Scotts recently relocated to Jacksonville, Fla., and they are members of Word of Faith Christian Center.

Mark Cumbest '75

Continuous Outstanding Service Award

Mark Cumbest, broker-owner of Cumbest Realty Inc., located in Jackson County, is chairman of the Mississippi Real Estate Commission. Cumbest serves on the Mississippi Wind Pool Insurance Board, the Executive Committee of the Gulf Coast Business Council and GoCoast 2020. He was in the inaugural class of the Top South Mississippi Community Leaders and served on the Governor's Commission for Recovery, Rebuilding and Renewal. Cumbest has been honored as Mississippi Realtor of the Year, inducted into the Mississippi Realtor Hall of Fame, served as National President of the Realtors Land Institute and was selected Land Realtor of America.

In 1975, Cumbest majored in real estate and insurance. He was a 2006 inductee into the Alumni Hall of Fame and has served two years as chairman of the Business Advisory Committee of the College of Business. Cumbest served on the campaign for the Restoration and Expansion of the Ogletree House, the Building Better Business Capital Campaign Committee for the College of Business Building and the Executive Committee and Board of Directors for the Foundation.

Cumbest is extremely involved in his church and community, and he and his wife of 34 years, Pam, have two sons, Grant and Reid.

Scott Leslie '88, '93

Continuous Outstanding Service Award

Scott Leslie received two degrees from The University of Southern Mississippi, a Bachelor of Science degree in marketing in 1988 and a Bachelor of Science degree in accounting in 1993. In addition, Leslie received a Master of Business Administration from William Carey University in 2008. He is currently employed as a financial specialist at Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula

Leslie has been a member of the Jackson County Southern Miss Alumni Chapter for more than 20 years. Leslie is currently the chapter treasurer and has previously served as president from 2001-03. During this time, he was instrumental, along with the rest of the chapter, in raising money to help award more than $50,000 in academic and athletic scholarships to more than 40 Jackson County students. During his tenure as president, the Jackson County chapter of the Alumni Association also raised $10,000 for the new athletic facility.

Leslie served on the Executive Alumni Board of Directors from 2003-06 and was presented the Alumni Association's Outstanding Service Award in 2005.

Leslie currently resides in Ocean Springs with his wife Ann Cagle and their three-and-a-half-year-old son Jack.

Joe Sullivan '92

Continuous Outstanding Service Award

Joe Sullivan has been an active alumnus since graduating from Southern Miss in 1992. He served on the Board of Trustees for Alpha Tau Omega fraternity for many years and has been the district director of the Mobile, Ala., area Eagle Club for 16 years. In addition, Sullivan is also part of the steering committee for the Mobile chapter of the Alumni Association, in which he is currently serving as president.

Sullivan has had a hand in many of the chapter's past events including the 25th Annual Mobile Bay Classic golf tournament and the first Southern Miss Mobile Bay Crawfish Boil. Sullivan was instrumental in helping his chapter establish an annual scholarship for an incoming freshman from Mobile or Baldwin County.

Sullivan is married to Erin Radka Sullivan '92 and the couple has one daughter, Carrie, a member of the future freshman Golden Eagle class of 2017. Sullivan is a Southern Miss legacy and the son of Homer '65 and Billie Sullivan '73 of Hattiesburg. Sullivan currently resides in Fairhope, Ala.

Jimmy Renfroe

Special Service Award

Jimmy Renfroe has been the manager of Campus Book Mart, a Southern Miss merchandising headquarter, since 1995. During his tenure as manager, Renfroe has formed a unique relationship with the Alumni Association, assisting the organization whenever possible. Whether traveling to sell merchandise during the annual summer parties or participating in the Association's annual Homecoming golf tournament, the Association can always count on Campus Book Mart's presence.

Renfroe has been a member of the Sertoma Club of Hattiesburg for multiple years. The 30-plus member club raises money through its annual drawdown event, consistently donating to the DuBard School for Language Disorders, which serves children with severe language/speech disorders and/or hearing impairments and provides guidance and counseling for parents and families of the children; Speech and hearing remain the primary beneficiary of the national Sertoma Club's fundraising goals.

Avid supporters of Southern Miss Athletics, Renfroe and his wife Renee, a test coordinator at the DuBard School for Language Disorders, are both from Greenville and are the proud parents of Katie, 14, and Hayden, 11.

Rick Taylor '03

Special Service Award

Rick Taylor has been the executive director of the Hattiesburg Convention Commission and Hattiesburg Tourism Commission since 1993, where he leads projects that increase the economic impact of tourism on the Hattiesburg area. His tenure has allowed him to be involved in a wide range of tourism infrastructural and marketing projects, which have grown the economic value of tourism to Hattiesburg to generate over $233 million each year.

In this position, Taylor is responsible for the Lake Terrace Convention Center, Hattiesburg Visitors Center, Historic Saenger Theater, African-American Military History Museum at the Historic USO Club, Historic Eureka School Museum project and the Hattiesburg Zoo.

Taylor is a recipient of the Governor's Award for Tourism Achievement, the Margaret M. McCarthy Award and was inducted into the Mississippi Tourism Hall of Fame in 2006. He is an officer of the Mississippi Tourism Association and sits on the Advisory Board of the University's Department of Casino, Hospitality and Tourism Management.

Prior to his current position, Taylor worked in tourism development in the Caribbean and South America. Taylor and wife Vicki are the proud parents of 17-year-old Skye, and eight-year-old, Archer.

Adam Buckalew '06

Outstanding Young Alumnus

Adam "Buck" Buckalew earned a Bachelor of Arts in mass communication and journalism with a minor in speech communication from The University of Southern Mississippi in 2006.

While at Southern Miss, Buckalew was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity and served as vice president of recruitment and retention and president of the Interfraternity Council. He was also a member of Southern Style and one of four executive directors for Golden Eagle Welcome Weekend. He earned the honors of Order of Omega Greek Honor Society and was a member of the University's Hall of Fame.

Upon graduating, Buckalew joined Phil Bryant's 2007 campaign for lieutenant governor. He then spent one year in the Mississippi Capitol as a special assistant to then-Lt. Governor Phil Bryant.

In 2009, Buckalew joined U.S. Rep. Gregg Harper's congressional staff as communications director and legislative assistant. Additionally, he is the vice president of the Republican Communications Association on Capitol Hill and is an active member of National Community Church. He also mentors through the Southeast White House.

Buckalew is a fourth-generation graduate of Southern Miss, following his parents, his grandmother and her parents.

Robert Palmer Sr.

Friend of Southern Miss

Bob Palmer was born and raised in Petal and is a 1966 graduate of Petal High School. Palmer served four years in the United States Air Force and is a Vietnam veteran. In 1977 Palmer graduated from the University of Florida School of Banking.

Palmer is married to Hazel Michelle Palmer, and they are the proud parents of Robert Palmer Jr., who resides in Orlando, Fla., Joshua Strickland of Ellisville, and Hannah Palmer and Megan Strickland who currently live in Petal.

Palmer has been in the automobile business for more than 33 years and is the owner and managing partner of Bob Palmer's Chancellor Motor Group, a Buick and GMC dealer located in Laurel. Prior to Palmer's involvement in the automobile business, he lived in Tampa, Fla., for 11 years, where he was employed in the banking business. Previously, he was the owner of R.P. Funding, a mortgage bank located in Orlando, Fla., and owner of Palmer Farms in Petal.

Palmer is a member of the Eagle Club and the Petal High Touchdown Club. He supported the Ogletree House restoration project and is a longtime sponsor of the Shell Finish Line/Southern Miss Alumni Homecoming Golf Tournament.

Edward J. Langton '70

Moran Pope Meritorius Service Award

Ed Langton is CEO and chairman of the Board of Grand Bank based in Hattiesburg and has more than 38 years experience in banking and finance. He is also founder, chairman and CEO of Mortgage Funding Corporation, a mortgage banking firm specializing in the nationwide purchase of mortgage loans. Langton's career is multi-faceted, including experience in real estate development and investment, magazine publishing and the automotive and construction industries. In addition, he served in the United States Army as a first lieutenant.

Langton graduated from The University of Southern Mississippi with a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration. He served as past president of the Foundation and the Alumni Association, where he was honored as an Alumni Hall of Fame inductee in 2001 and recipient of the Continuous Service Award in 2006. Additionally, through their generosity, the Langton family made it possible to construct the landmark Centennial Gateway that forever changed the entrance to the University.

Currently, Langton is serving on the boards of the Greater Pine Belt Community Foundation, Pine Belt Fellowship of Christian Athletes and the Dubard School for Language Disorders. He is also the founder and chairman of IF-I Foundation, a nonprofit charitable foundation.

MEMBERSHIP MINUTE

Did you know that the Southern Miss Alumni Association currently has 3,960 Life Members? Being a Life Member of the Association provides you with a significant discount on the $45 you would contribute annually, ensures that your benefits will continue uninterrupted, and entitles you to exclusive Life Member benefits. Partial payment plans are also available, and more than 1,000 alumni are currently taking advantage of this option. For more information on how you can become a member of the Association for life, contact the Southern Miss Alumni Association at 601.255.5013 or visit SouthernMissAlumni.com.

Legacy Spotlight: Random Acts of Kindness

Shanice Hicks, a sophomore hotel, restaurant and tourism management major from Gautier, participated in The Legacy's Staff Appreciation Day, during the organization's inaugural Spirit Week. Armed with Windex and paper towels, members visited faculty/staff parking lots to clean windshields. Staff members were greeted with sparkling windshields and a note from their friends at The Legacy upon leaving work.

Recently, the Legacy Board developed an idea for a new fall tradition coined "The Legacy's Spirit Week." During the inaugural Spirit Week, the Board recognized different groups on campus by surprising them with random acts of kindness. Their goal was to demonstrate to each group that The Legacy appreciates all they contribute to the University while promoting school spirit. The Board's hope is that Spirit Week will develop into a tradition that everyone on campus will anticipate every year.

Each activity was a surprise, creating excitement about Spirit Week, without giving away particulars on what each day would entail, by posting "LSTTT" (Legacy Spirit To The Top) across multiple social media outlets and various places throughout campus.

The week kicked off on Nov. 3, when a group of more than 20 students participated in a day of service with the Hattiesburg Area Habitat for Humanity and concluded several days later with a staff appreciation day. The week also entailed a faculty appreciation day, candy stations for students and classroom surprises.

Jackson Welcomed to Alumni Association Staff

Shelly Jackson

Shelly Jackson has been selected to serve as The University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Association's receptionist. Among other roles, Jackson serves as the receptionist for the Association and assistant to the associate directors. In addition, she assists with membership receipt, personal correspondence and database updates.

A Petal native, Jackson attended William Carey University on a fast-pitch softball scholarship, where she majored in education and graduated in 2008.

Jackson is married to husband Tyler, and together they are the proud parents of one-year-old son Eli.

Welcome New Life Members

Olga Cendejas
Priscilla Deville
Melanie Noto
Frank Glenn
Richard Newman
Janet Farve
Jayson Newell
Connie Jelliffe
Michael and Sherry Arrington
Anna Smith
Richard Tippin
Elaine Temple
Paul and Karen Nelson
Philip and Laura Lewis
Mary Moody Gardner
Casey and Lauren Simmerman
Jimmie Wilson
Ali Mohammad
Carlos Sterling

Michelle Pellegrin
Crystal Giles
Kathryn Turner
Louise Perkins
Jonathan and Justice Duhon
David Hollis
Lisa Irons
Boakai Kpinkpin
Legena Roberts
Chris and Neely Cooley
Laquita Chambers
Carolyn Allmon
Shelton Simmons
Kevin and Wardean Shelby
Virginia Shaw
John Ros
Gladys Cook
John Dolan
Kenneth Buley

H. Lavon and Annette Pierce
Geoff and Marcia Hartwig
Jane Hunt
Rebecca Grantham
Edward Conway
Eleanor Trautweiler
Mark Barnes
Robert Hand
Vicki Karpovich
Duane Peacock
Lynette Hutchison
Bruce and Shannon Smith
Billy and Elizabeth Bell
Daniel George
Samuel Hodges
Richard Shenk
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John Lockard
Mac and Betty Bradley

Edmond Blanquera
Jason Pierce
James Kitchens
Stephen and Laura Owen
Daniel Naumann
Ronda Walters
Bonnie Ladner
Linda Collins
Florence Carlson
Robert Magee
Marva Posey
Fred Blackwell
Donna Griggs
Pete Boyer
Ruth Overman
Charles and Julia Sleeper
William Buie
Mary Anna Rogers
Jonathan Powell

More than 45 Students Honored with Official Ring

On November 8, more than 45 students were honored with the presentation of their official rings at the Ninth Annual Official Ring Ceremony.

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The official ring is earned by maintaining a good academic record and completing enough credit hours, and it is a symbol of honor and achievement for those who wear the ring. The ring encompasses everything that a student experiences while on campus, and after graduation becomes a representation of the hard work and determination that our alumni are known for.

For more information on how to obtain an official ring, visit SouthernMissAlumni.com.

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Lumberton, MS

416 Highway 42 East
Petal, MS

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Hattiesburg, MS

6497 Highway 49 North
Hattiesburg, MS

Legacy Officers Exude Enthusiasm for 2012-13 School Year

The Legacy, Southern Miss' student branch of the Alumni Association, welcomed new undergraduate leadership to its executive board. These members will work together to plan events and lead their peers in The Legacy during the 2012-13 school year, a task the board has shown extreme enthusiasm about.

D'Andra Price, a senior political science major from Vicksburg, was appointed as the new president of The Legacy. She will be responsible for primary planning of events and overseeing all other members and officers. Torrel Bridges, a junior nursing and biological sciences major from New Orleans, La., was selected to serve as vice president. He will assist the president with her duties and oversee execution of the organization's events. Shandell Lewis, a sophomore psychology major from Vicksburg, was appointed as secretary. She will oversee the recording of all Legacy meetings and coordinate communication between the officers and the rest of campus. Sophie Saizan, a sophomore special education major from Mandeville, La., was selected as historian. She will record physical materials from events, including photos, collectibles and video information. Lastly, Jemarquise Taylor, a sophomore biological sciences major from Macon, was appointed to serve as the community service officer. Jemarquise will be responsible for selecting and planning the fall and spring community service projects.

Petal Student Visit Evolves into Annual Event

Third-grade students from Petal Elementary School, college freshman class of 2022, visited the Hattiesburg campus on Oct. 25, 2012, and were given guided tours by the Alumni Association.

On Oct. 25, approximately 300 third-grade students from Petal Elementary School visited the Hattiesburg campus of The University of Southern Mississippi. This visit marks the school's third consecutive visit to the University.

Beginning in Bennett Auditorium, the students were greeted by Seymour, Golden Eagle cheerleaders, Dr. Joe Paul, vice president for student affairs, and the Association's executive director and Petal alumnus, Jerry DeFatta, at a welcome assembly that preceded tours given by the Southern Miss Alumni Association.

With the purpose of promoting college, the guided tours included a visit to a residence hall, the Athletic Center, the Thad Cochran Center, Cook Library, and an experiment station on Centennial Green hosted by the Polymer Science department.

Did you KNOW?

Did you know that in addition to Facebook and Twitter, the Southern Miss Alumni Association is now active on Instagram and Pinterest? From black and gold trends to everyday Southern charm, the Alumni Association is here to help you incorporate Golden Eagle love into your everyday lifestyle. To stay connected, visit SouthernMissAlumni.com/socialmedia.

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The University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Association extends its gratitude and appreciation to the sponsors and participants of the 2012 Shell Finish Line / Southern Miss Alumni Homecoming Golf Tournament. The tournament marked the 14th consecutive year with major corporate sponsorship and was played at Hattiesburg Country Club.

The tournament featured 123 golfers and 46 sponsors, with proceeds from the event helping to support the Association's Pierce Legacy Scholarship Fund, from which the organization awards scholarships to select children and grandchildren of Southern Miss alumni.

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Jerry DeFatta, executive director of the Alumni Association, accepts the contribution to the Alumni Association's Pierce Legacy Scholarship Fund from left, Hattiesburg Coca Cola's Brad Brian, Shell Finish Line's Will Martens and Hattiesburg Coca Cola's Russ Hendley

Southern Miss Alumni and Friends Support the College of Nursing Building Campaign

The University of Southern Mississippi Foundation continues to raise support for the College of Nursing Building Campaign to help fund the construction of Asbury Hall, the proposed new home for the College that will provide its students and faculty with the tools they need to continue to make a difference in the lives of Mississippi residents.

This state-of-the-art facility will provide an applied learning space that will empower nursing faculty to continue to strive for instructional excellence and will further impact the College of Nursing's ability to recruit qualified students and faculty. By increasing the square footage dedicated to the College by 135 percent, Asbury Hall will provide much-needed space for teaching and experiential learning, replacing a facility that can no longer meet the minimum requirements of nursing education.

"With Asbury Hall's cutting-edge, technology-enhanced classrooms, student interactive areas, state-of-the art clinical simulation lab and research center, Southern Miss will assume a leadership role in the vital arena of health and health care service delivery," said Dr. Katherine Nugent, Dean of the College of Nursing.

The initial success of the College of Nursing Building Campaign has been made possible through generous donations by loyal Southern Miss alumni and friends.

With a combined gift commitment of $50,000, Audrey Ghatas and Dave Ware hope to provide future nursing students the opportunity to experience the Nurse Anesthesia Program at Southern Miss, which will begin in January 2013 and will be the first of its kind in the state of Mississippi. Their gift will name the Anesthesia Skills Center in the new building.

Ghatas and Ware are co-owners of Southern Anesthesia, Inc., a nurse anesthesia group located in Magee that provides service to community and rural areas in Mississippi.

Ware, who received his nursing degree from Southern Miss, has served three years as President of the Mississippi Association of Nurse Anesthetists and three years as President Elect of the association. He is also the Ward Four Councilman for the City of Hattiesburg.

Ware sees the gift commitment as a way to give back to the community by helping fund a facility that will recruit students to the new Nurse Anesthesia Program. "When I realized that Southern Miss was going to create the first nurse anesthetist program in Mississippi, this gift was a no-brainer."

With two nieces and a nephew who have graduated in nursing from Southern Miss, Ghatas believes having a nurse anesthetist program in a state-of-the-art facility in Hattiesburg will help fill a need in the area.

"I wanted to make this contribution because I am passionate about educating our students at home," she said.

Ghatas, who has been in the nurse anesthetist profession for 42 years, has also served as President and President Elect of the Mississippi Association of Nurse Anesthetists. She has previously served as a clinical instructor for the University of Mississippi Medical Center and is presently a clinical instructor for the School of Nurse Anesthesia at Louisiana State University. She will also serve as a clinical instructor for the new program at Southern Miss.

Mike and Missy McMullan of Jackson, Miss. have also elected to support the building campaign with a gift commitment of $25,000, which will name a conference room in Asbury Hall. Mike graduated Summa Cum Laude from Southern Miss before earning his medical degree at the University of Mississippi School of Medicine, and now practices interventional cardiology at Jackson Heart Clinic. He has served as a member of the Southern Miss Alumni Association Board of Directors and currently serves on the USM Foundation Board of Directors. Missy currently serves as a member of the College of Nursing Building Campaign Steering Committee.

"We are proud to support the health care needs of Mississippi through our gifts to our alma mater," said Missy.

Wayne and Terri Hughes of Hattiesburg, Miss. have also made a gift commitment of $25,000 to name a conference room in the new College of Nursing facility. After graduating from Southern Miss, Wayne attended the University of Mississippi School of Medicine. He is a Physician at Family Practice After Hours Clinic in Hattiesburg, and currently serves on the College of Health Dean's Advisory Council.

"Since I am a graduate of Southern Miss, I like to repay the University for helping to get me where I am today and try to help the future health care professionals who are now students at Southern Miss," said Dr. Hughes.

For more information on the College of Nursing Building Campaign, contact the USM Foundation at 601.266.5210 or visit www.usmfoundation.com/nursingbuilding.

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$25,000
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$15,000
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$10,000
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$5,000
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Southern Miss Alumna Leaves $1 Million Estate Gift

Barbara G. Smith

With a planned gift of $1 million, Southern Miss alumna Barbara Guernsey Smith, left The University of Southern Mississippi Foundation with a gift that demonstrates the value of a good education.

Smith, who was born in slave quarters, grew up in Biloxi, Miss. She contracted polio as a child and was crippled until she was nine years old. Her father worked at a shipyard where he made one dollar a day, while her mother made 25 cents at a local beauty shop. Smith's parents saved every penny for her education in the hopes that she would have a better life. After graduating from Biloxi High School, Smith attended Mississippi Southern College, where she studied Elementary Education.

"Barbara was so thankful for what her parents had done for her education that she did all she could to get through school quickly and graduated in less than three years," said Robert Helle, a close friend of Smith's.

Smith graduated in 1954 and taught in Moss Point, Miss., and Miami, Fla., before moving to Long Island, New York, where she married James L. Guernsey, Ph.D.

Smith returned to the Mississippi Gulf Coast after her second husband passed away. She remained in Ocean Springs, Miss., to care for her mother until her passing. After losing her home to Hurricane Katrina and living in a FEMA trailer for several months, Smith moved to Hattiesburg, Miss.

Helle, who helped take care of Smith for the last five years of her life, said Smith had a passion for education and loved seeing students achieve their dreams, regardless of where they came from.

"She would go out of her way to help a student become educated. And she sure did love Southern Miss. She would ask me to drive her around campus and would tell me the way the campus looked when she was a student. She remembered every detail," said Helle.

After dedicating more than 40 years of her life to education as a teacher, Smith's gratitude for her parents' sacrifices and desire to help students in need led her to leave a lasting legacy at Southern Miss. Her planned gift of $1 million will be added to the Dr. James and Barbara Byrd Guernsey Elementary Education Endowment, a fund established by Smith and her first husband in 2000.

The endowment awards scholarships to students enrolled in the professional education program in Elementary Education at Southern Miss, with preference to those students in the K-8 program who are juniors and seniors.

"A gift like this really proves the power of paying it forward," said Bob Pierce, Vice President for University Advancement and Executive Director of the USM Foundation. "Mrs. Smith spent less than three years at the University, but she truly saw the value of her education and the impact it made on her life, and that is obviously something she never forgot."

After spending time in an assisted living facility, Smith moved back into her home where she received homecare until she passed away on September 3, 2012.

"Barbara taught me many life lessons, as well as educational ones," said Helle. "Her intelligence baffled me. She was simply phenomenal."

For more information on supporting Southern Miss through estate gifts, visit www.usmfoundation.com/plannedgiving or contact the USM Foundation by calling 601.266.5210.

THE USM FOUNDATION OFFICE, LOCATED ON THE THIRD FLOOR OF THE TRENT LOTT CENTER, WILL HAVE THE FOLLOWING HOURS DURING THE HOLIDAYS:

December 21 - 25, 2012 | Closed
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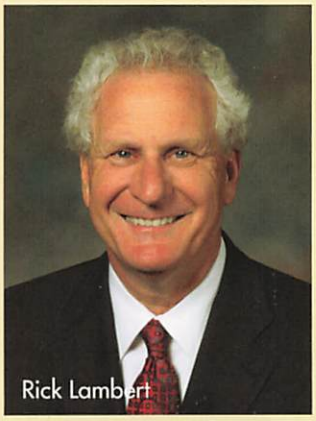
Scholarship Endowment Established in Memory of Southern Miss Alumnus and Hattiesburg Community Leader

Dr. Aubrey Lucas, interim university president, along with Rick Lambert's widow and daughters, joined employees of Atmos Energy at a luncheon to acknowledge the establishment of the Paul Richard Lambert Public Service Scholarship Endowment at Southern Miss. From left: Erin Dornan, Robert Lesley, Glenn Partrick, Bill Senter, Aubrey Lucas, Emily Harden, Candy Lambert, Elizabeth Garner.

The Paul Richard Lambert Public Service Scholarship Endowment was recently established at The University of Southern Mississippi Foundation to memorialize Rick Lambert.

Lambert, who was a member of the Honors College and Kappa Sigma Fraternity during his years at Southern Miss, earned his Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 1973. After graduating from the University of Mississippi School of Law, Lambert established his law practice in Hattiesburg.



Rick Lambert

Throughout his professional career, Lambert represented his city for three terms as Hattiesburg's District 45 state senator in the Mississippi State Senate. He was appointed City Attorney for the City of Hattiesburg for seven years. In his later years, Lambert also served as legal counsel to the President of The University of Southern Mississippi and Atmos Energy Corporation.

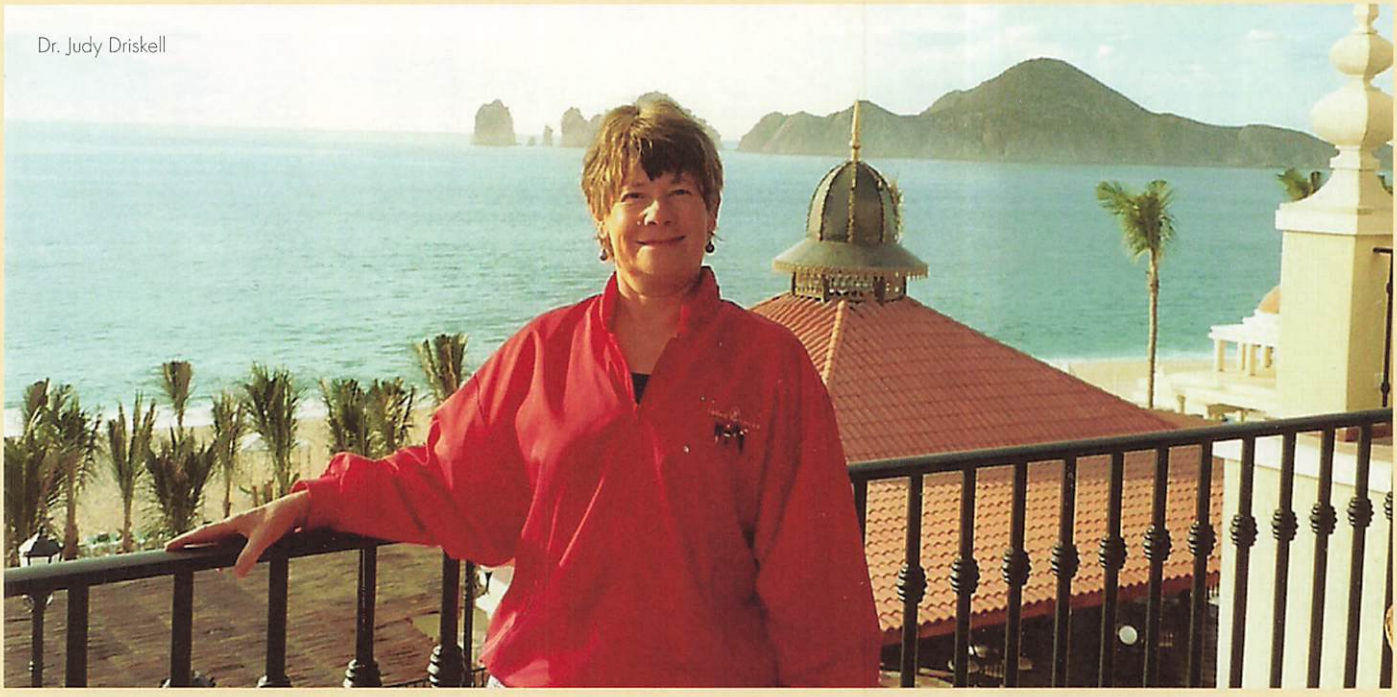
In gratitude for Lambert's dedicated service, Atmos Energy Corporation of Jackson, Miss. made a gift commitment of $25,000 to the USM Foundation to establish the Paul Richard Lambert Public Service Scholarship Endowment.

"Rick loved his family, he loved what he did and he loved Southern Miss," said David Gates, President of the Mississippi Division of Atmos Energy. "We could not think of a better way to honor Rick's memory than to support an effort that will continue to benefit Mississippi for years to come."

The endowment will provide scholarships for full-time juniors or seniors who are members of a Greek organization with a minimum 3.25 GPA who display an interest in pursuing law or public service.

To make a gift to the Paul Richard Lambert Public Service Scholarship Endowment, contact the USM Foundation by calling 601.266.5210.

Southern Miss Alumna Leaves Legacy Through Planned Gift



Dr. Judy Driskell

With a planned gift of retirement funds to The University of Southern Mississippi Foundation, Dr. Judy Driskell left her legacy at her alma mater by establishing the Driskell/Peters Graduate Research Fellowship Endowment.

Driskell, who passed away after a long battle with cancer on February 21, 2012, wanted to help provide scholarships for students in the Department of Nutrition and Food Systems in the College of Health at The University of Southern Mississippi.

"Judy wanted to help outstanding students studying nutrition by lessening their financial burdens, allowing them to reach their goals," said Dr. Bill Peters, Driskell's widower. "I feel strongly that the best place to donate money is to education. She felt the same. It's something you'll always have. You may lose everything else, but you'll always be thankful for a good education."

Driskell earned her Bachelor of Science from Southern Miss and her Master of Science and Ph. D. from Purdue University. Her work in the nutrition field was extensive, including holding teaching, research and administrative positions at Auburn University, Florida State University, Virginia Tech and the University of Nebraska. Driskell also worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture and two universities in Indonesia. Her publications include approximately 20 books, 200 refereed journal research articles and numerous technical and lay publications. She received the national Borden Award for Research in Applied Fundamental Knowledge of Human Nutrition, as well as several other research awards.

Peters described his late wife as a hard worker who believed in the importance of education. The impact of Driskell's passion for nutrition education was widespread. She contributed to the education of more than 200 graduate students and more than 1,000 undergraduate students.

The proceeds from Driskell's retirement funds, which totaled nearly $160,000, will allow the Driskell/Peters Graduate Research Fellowship to award a scholarship to a graduate student enrolled full-time in the master's degree program in nutrition with a 3.0 GPA or above. The recipient must work 15-20 hours weekly on assigned nutrition research projects.

Dr. Kathy Yadrick, chair of the Department of Nutrition and Food Systems at Southern Miss, said the master's degree program is focused on training professionals in nutrition and dietetics. She feels the scholarship will expand the reach of the programs by helping to attract students from across the nation.

"When Dr. Driskell contacted our department and told us what she wanted to do, we were amazed by her generosity," Yadrick said. "She was very involved in faculty research herself. She saw great opportunity for research in the nutrition and dietetics program at Southern Miss and allowed us to be stewards of her resources to further our research possibilities. I am in awe of her generosity."

For more information on supporting Southern Miss through estate gifts, visit www.usmfoundation.com/plannedgiving or contact the USM Foundation by calling 601.266.5210.

Favre Foundation's Contributions to The Children's Center Top $200,000

With its most recent gift of $20,000, the Favre 4 Hope Foundation has now contributed more than $200,000 to The Children's Center for Communication and Development at The University of Southern Mississippi.

"The Children's Center is deeply honored and grateful to be a charity partner of the Favre 4 Hope Foundation," said Children's Center Director Cindy Bivins. "Brett and Deanna's benevolence enables The Children's Center to build on its foundation of exemplary early intervention services for our state's youngest children with disabilities and their families while providing invaluable training for our University students in related fields of study."

From left: Margaret Buttross-Brinegar, Brett Favre, Deanna Favre, Harper Askea, 2, Maria Askea and Children's Center Director Cindy Bivins.

Established in 1974, The Children's Center is a full service, intensive, transdisciplinary program within the Department of Speech and Hearing Sciences at Southern Miss. The Center directly serves more than 90 children and their families from as many as 22 South Mississippi counties.

"Deanna and I enjoyed the visit with our charity partners; we also met a few of the children benefiting from the programs," said Brett Favre. "The children are always a testament to the positive influence our partners are having in the communities they serve."

For more information about The Children's Center for Communication and Development call 601.266.5222 or visit www.usm.edu/early-intervention-childrens.

GOLDEN EAGLE IMPACT

HENRY and ANNE WINSTEAD of Hattiesburg, Miss. made a gift of $10,000 to the Brooks-Winstead Physics Scholarship Endowment to help provide scholarships for students majoring in Physics.

A gift from the JEAN C. BELUE LIVING TRUST established the Gerald E. Belue, MD, Memorial Scholarship Endowment to help provide scholarships to students enrolled in a pre-medical program who demonstrate financial need.

The SOUTHERN MISS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION provided $10,000 to the Robert D. Pierce II Legacy Scholarship Endowment to award scholarships to students with preference given to children and grandchildren of members of the Southern Miss Alumni Association.

FRANCES BURNS of Hattiesburg, Miss. made a gift of $15,000 to create the William B. Burns, Ed.D. Technology Education Scholarship Endowment that will help provide scholarships to students majoring in Instructional Technology.

A gift from CAROL JONES-RUSSELL of Hattiesburg, Miss. established the Carol L. Jones, Esq. Scholarship Endowment that will provide scholarships to an African-American female College of Business student with financial need and a minimum 3.0 GPA with preference given to students from Forrest County, Mississippi.

The LARRY PAYNE FOUNDATION of Hattiesburg, Miss. made a gift to the Larry and Elizabeth Payne Education and Psychology Presidential Scholarship Fund to annually award a scholarship to an incoming freshman majoring in the College of Education and Psychology within the Honors College.

Sally-Ann Roberts '74, '76, co-anchors the highest rated local morning news program in Louisiana, *Eyewitness Morning News*, on WWL-TV.

A Foundation Laid A Passion Pursued

By Jenny Boudreaux '08

"Every time you are on the air and every time you write a story, consider it an audition because you never know who is watching." This piece of advice is merely a small fraction of the knowledge Sally-Ann Roberts '74, '76, shared with students on the Hattiesburg campus of The University of Southern Mississippi Nov. 14, when she visited Southern Hall to accept a plaque given in honor of her entrance into the elite ranks of the Mass Communication and Journalism Hall of Fame.

Sally-Ann began her journalism and broadcasting career at Hattiesburg's own, WDAM-TV. While working every other weekend as an anchor and a weathercaster, one evening upon returning to her Hardy Street apartment, she received a phone call from the news director at WWL-TV in New Orleans. He had caught wind of Sally-Ann from an anchor that was passing through the Pine Belt, who had rented a hotel room instead of finishing her trek to New Orleans and saw Sally-Ann broadcasting the local news. "That anchor did not know me, but she decided to do me a favor," shared Sally-Ann. "She knew of a job opening at WWL-TV and told the news director about me. Every time you work on something, just give it your best. You just never know who is watching."

Sally-Ann's career at WWL-TV began in 1977 as a City Hall reporter. Her work has earned her first place awards in journalistic excellence from the Press Club of New Orleans, Louisiana Associated Press, Radio and Television News Directors Association and the New Orleans chapter of Women in Communications, in addition to being part of the reporting team that earned WWL-TV the coveted Edward R. Murrow Award for late-breaking news. Her community involvement, as well as the recognition she has received not only from the city of New Orleans but also on a national level, is vast, yet she does not take full credit for any of these accomplishments, attributing any success she may have achieved in her more than 30-year career to God, whom she gives all honor, glory and praise.

For Sally-Ann her faith has been a journey. She believes that if she did not know God was real before everything fell apart in her life after her 25th wedding anniversary, she would not be where she is today. After her first husband passed away just seven months after his diagnosis with colon cancer, her father passed away in his sleep and Hurricane Katrina made landfall, devastating her hometown of Pass Christian, Miss., and the surrounding areas. "If you want a pity party around here, you have to stand in line," teased Sally-Ann.

"Every time you work on something, just give it your best. You just never know who is watching."

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Recently the broadcaster was able to share a personal story and family obstacle on air, a bit she talked through with her student audience. "As Air Force brats, my brother Butch, sisters Robin and Dorothy and I, traveled to many diverse places around the world, but the journey we embarked upon this year was unlike any this family has ever experienced," shared Sally-Ann. "The baby sister I had watched grow from a child into a strong, courageous woman who beat breast cancer in 2007 was now, five years later, dealing with an illness I had never heard of, myelodysplastic syndrome--pre-leukemia. But the doctors were hopeful that if Robin could find a genetic match for a bone marrow transplant, she could be cured. I was declared a perfect match, and I prayed my body would be able to produce."

The baby sister she is referring to is Robin Roberts, co-host of *Good Morning America*, and her battle with myelodysplastic syndrome has made national news, regularly documented by ABC News and shared on air by Sally-Ann and WWL-TV.

After Sally-Ann's stem cells were collected, once again, tragedy struck. The Roberts siblings lost their mother. Sally-Ann and Robin managed to get home in the wake of Hurricane Isaac to be with her just before she died. "Within days of the funeral, Robin began intense chemotherapy to wipe out her immune system, yet she remained positive," continued Sally-Ann. "Dorothy and I were there when Dr. Sergio Giralt injected the vile of my stem cells into our sister Robin, and we celebrated."

Their celebration continued, as a month later Robin was released from the hospital. "Weeping as she felt the breeze on her face, the ride home later was filled with wonder of sights most take for granted," shared Sally-Ann as she concluded her story. "Finally Robin is home at last. The journey is not yet over, but hopefully, prayerfully, the best is yet to come."

When asked how it feels to be an angel for Robin, Sally-Ann jokes, "Robin will tell you, I'm not an angel!" The broadcaster then explains that Robin would do the same for her as others would do this for their sisters. "What I have done, anybody would do," shared Sally-Ann humbly. "We would do this for our loved ones. We would do this for strangers. I am no angel. I am no hero. I'm just a sister who wants my sister to be well."

Both sisters, in addition to the Roberts family as a whole, have become advocates for bone marrow donor testing. "The thing I love about Robin is she is practicing what our mother taught her," shared Sally-Ann. "Your mess is your message."

Robin Roberts, left, poses with sister, Sally-Ann Roberts, in a photo posted on her Twitter account Nov. 18. Sally-Ann, who visited The University of Southern Mississippi Nov. 14, for induction into the School of Mass Communication and Journalism Hall of Fame, was given the Honor's College "I am POWERFUL" 2012-13 T-shirt worn by Robin in the photo to the left. Honor's College Administrative Assistant Sonya Evans, who deemed the "I am POWERFUL" message appropriate not only for Robin, but also for the entire Roberts' family as they have tackled unimaginable obstacles while being true inspirations to a multitude of people during the past year, presented the T-shirt to Sally-Ann.

Pictured from left to right, front row, Sally-Ann's father, the late Col. Lawrence E. Roberts, and her mother, the late Lucimarian Tolliver Roberts. Back row, brother Butch, Sally-Ann, and sisters Dorothy and Robin. Sally-Ann lives out the philosophy daily: God first, family second and everything else comes behind that.

Robin realized that while she and Sally-Ann were a perfect match, unfortunately only 30% of people who need a bone marrow transplant in this country can find that match in their family. Most depend on the national bone marrow donor registry. With a swab of the mouth, a person is entered into the registry. "The wonderful thing is that since Robin has made her battle known and taped a public service announcement for the national bone marrow registry, Perfect Match, more than 44,000 Americans have answered the call," explained Sally-Ann.

By telling her story and revealing lessons and knowledge she has gained since her time at Southern Miss came to a close, this member of the Alumni Hall of Fame is a testament as to what you can become after receiving an education at this University. The foundation she gained from her time at Southern Miss allowed her to pursue her passion, and in pursuing that passion, she has been able to serve her community as a journalist and share her family's story, impacting millions of people around the world.

To the students sitting where Sally-Ann sat many years ago, she addressed them by saying, "This field has to be your passion. If you've got that fire in your belly, there is no way anything is going to stop you. You will go where you need to go. You will knock on doors that you need to knock on until you get in. You have the privilege of being at Southern Miss, and there are many people that have preceded you that are doing quite well because of the foundation they received right here at this University."

Sally-Ann left the students with the best advice she had ever received, advice that came from her late mother. "Pray. In all things pray. Prepare. Know your news and learn as much as you can. And lastly, have the courage to proceed."

"You have the privilege of being at Southern Miss and there are many people that have preceded you that are doing quite well because of the foundation they received right here at this University."

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The Pierce Legacy Scholars Program

The proceeds from this initiative support the Association's Pierce Legacy Scholars Program. This program works to provide one-time $1,000 scholarships to incoming freshmen who are children or grandchildren of members of the Southern Miss Alumni Association.

To be eligible, candidates must enroll full-time for the upcoming fall semester. At least one parent or grandparent of the candidate must hold a degree from the institution and be an active member of the Association for the immediate past 10 years or be a Life Member.

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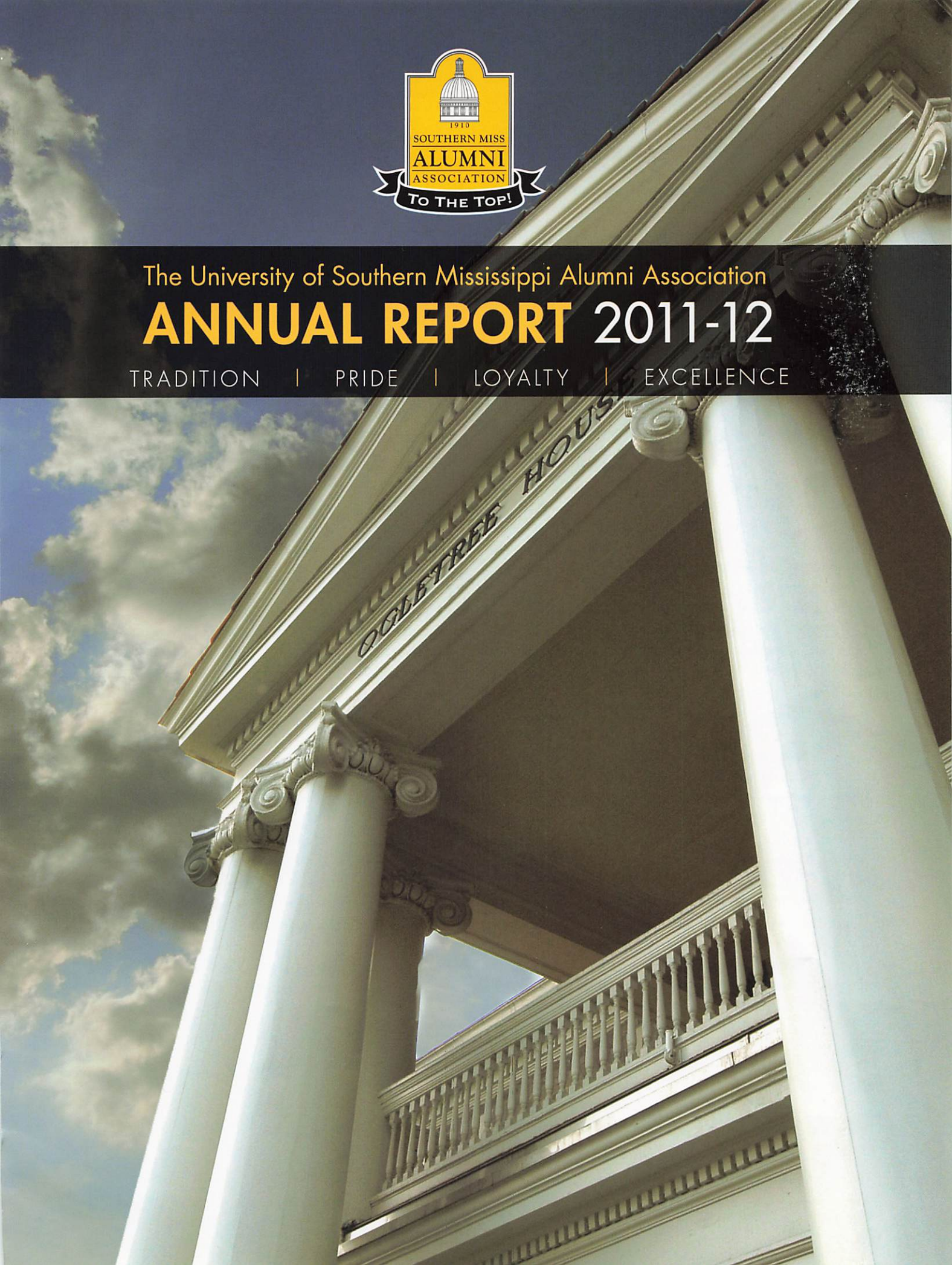

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

One hundred years ago this fall, students first took their seats for the opening lecture at the new teacher's college taking shape on cut-over pine forest lands in South Mississippi.

Much has changed since September 20, 1912. Stump removal is no longer a part-time student job. What began as Mississippi Normal College, and a generation fondly remembers as Mississippi Southern, became The University of Southern Mississippi in 1962. From 227 students in 1912, enrollment at Southern Miss, as the University is familiarly known today, has grown to approximately 17,000 students, including a fifth-straight year of record freshman enrollment this fall. Students had to choose between two- and four-year teaching certificates and diploma programs in 1912, but can now select from more than 180 undergraduate and graduate degree programs offered at two four-year campuses and other instructional sites.

Much has not changed. The campuses remain under construction, with new teaching and student life (and even parking) facilities blossoming as regularly as roses in the All-American Rose Garden on the Hattiesburg campus. Educating teachers is still a proud mission of the University. And improving lives in Mississippi and the Gulf South remains the overarching vision of Southern Miss.

The Southern Miss Alumni Association exists to assist alumni and advance the University, and serves as your connection to your alma mater. This edition of *The Talon* includes the Annual Report of the Association. Highlights last year were many. The Association launched the Legacy Recruitment Initiative to identify children and grandchildren of Southern Miss alumni and assist in recruiting them to attend Southern Miss. To commemorate Phil Bryant's election as the first Southern Miss alumnus to become governor of Mississippi, the Association made a $10,000 gift to the USM Foundation to establish the Phil Bryant Executive Leadership Scholarship for a junior or senior who has demonstrated leadership ability as a Southern Miss student. As you are aware, a search is currently underway for the next president of the University. In August 2012, the Association named a Presidential Transition Team to assist the Board of Trustees of the Institutions of Higher Learning with that search by soliciting feedback from more than 20 key constituencies to develop a Preferred Presidential Profile documenting the skills and abilities that we, the Southern Miss community, believe are necessary and desirable in the leader of our University.

During the next year, the Alumni Association will continue to work to better Southern Miss. The Presidential Transition Team will assist the new president in effectively engaging the various University constituencies. The Association will continue its efforts to generate additional funding for the Robert D. Pierce II Legacy Scholars Program, which provides scholarships for incoming freshmen who are children and grandchildren of Southern Miss alumni. And the Association will continue to lead the efforts to commemorate Southern Miss at Founders' Day and Homecoming.

In its second century, the University will undoubtedly face many challenges. But the history of Southern Miss is marked by repeated, determined, even stubborn refusals to accept defeat. A long-time fan, I cannot help thinking of Southern Miss football. The Golden Eagles have had only nine losing seasons since 1934. As Mickey Spagnola wrote in the *Jackson Daily News* after the famous 1982 football victory over Alabama, "If you're going to war, and if you get to pick first, choose Southern Mississippi... Don't fight Southern Mississippi. No matter how hard you fight, those folks will fight harder." That has not changed.

Even at Southern Miss, there are down years and occasions to refocus and recommit. Our University has rebounded from recent natural and economic disasters. (The football team will, too.) Support our University's leaders, especially the new president. Your Alumni Association has the most talented and hardest-working alumni relations staff anywhere. Please contact them if they can assist you or if you want to help them continue to take...

Southern Miss to the Top!

Dale Shearer
President

ASSOCIATION'S ALUMNI TEAM TO ASSIST IN UNIVERSITY'S PRESIDENTIAL SEARCH

During the 2012-13 academic year, The University of Southern Mississippi will undergo a transition to a new president, a significant event in the history of our University. While it is the responsibility of the Institutions of Higher Learning Board of Trustees to perform the search for a new university president, it is the responsibility of alumni to monitor and contribute to the process as appropriate.

The Alumni Association Presidential Transition Team was created for the purpose of assisting in any possible way with the search. Under the leadership of co-chairs Rosemary Aultman and Rex Kelly, the team has executed a plan to provide feedback to the IHL regarding the key skills and abilities needed for success in the role and will play a significant role in the transition of leadership once the new president is selected.

The team gathered information through interviews with Interim President Aubrey Lucas, former President Shelby Thames, faculty, staff, student representatives, alumni and others who have a vested interest in Southern Miss. The information provided by the groups was instrumental in allowing the team to better define the current issues facing the University and assisted with developing a Preferred Presidential Profile detailing the skills and attributes most desirable in a new president. The Preferred Presidential Profile has been provided to the IHL Search Committee and communicated to University constituents through communication channels of the Association.

Once a new president has been named by the IHL, the team will work with the new president to ensure a smooth transition by providing a consistent and credible process by which issues can be made known and addressed.

To view the Preferred Presidential Profile, visit the "Presidential Transition" tab located at SouthernMissAlumni.com.

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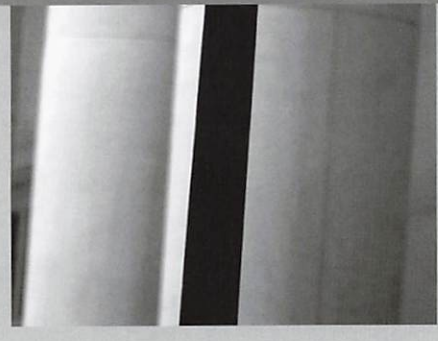


MISSISSIPPI'S 64TH GOVERNOR PHIL BRYANT HONORED BY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Phil Bryant, Mississippi's 64th governor

A significant event in Mississippi's history, which evoked a sense of pride in Golden Eagles across the country, occurred at the conclusion of 2011.

University of Southern Mississippi alumnus Phil Bryant was elected Mississippi's 64th governor Nov. 8, 2011.

Bryant was honored in Dec. 2011 by the Southern Miss Alumni Association with the announcement of the creation of the Phil Bryant Executive Leadership Scholarship during a reception at the Trent Lott Center.

The scholarship, founded with an initial $10,000 gift from the Alumni Association, was created to support Southern Miss students who demonstrate the same strong leadership skills Gov. Bryant has displayed as a successful public servant, said Jerry DeFatta, executive director of the Southern Miss Alumni Association.

"It is our hope that this fund will become a repository for gifts by individuals and organizations who wish to honor Gov. Bryant's service to our University and the state of Mississippi," DeFatta said.

Bryant expressed humbly and gratefully that the creation of this scholarship was the greatest gift he could receive. "We look forward to growing this scholarship so other blue-collar young adults can have the same opportunity that I had," Bryant shared. "Having the opportunity to attend a major university, such as Southern Miss, is irreplaceable in someone's life. To be the first governor that is a graduate from The University of Southern Mississippi is obviously historic, and I wouldn't be here without Southern Miss and our alumni support."

The 2012-13 fiscal year will bring about publicity in the form of brochure distribution and public awareness for the Phil Bryant Executive Leadership Scholarship.

LEGACY RECRUITMENT REMAINS TOP INITIATIVE FOR ASSOCIATION

Two years ago the staff leadership of the Southern Miss Alumni Association changed and a unique opportunity presented itself for developing new goals and ambitions for the organization to accomplish over the next several years. In 2010, a questionnaire was developed to solicit feedback from the various constituent groups associated with the organization and a strategic plan was created.

Out of that strategic plan came various areas of focus, and one of those focuses entailed the recruitment of children and grandchildren of Southern Miss alumni. Additionally, during the process of creating the strategic plan, it became apparent that the information regarding children of alumni was incomplete, and legacies were receiving the same recruitment experience as students with no ties to the University, if even being recruited at all.

At other institutions in the state, children are continuously educated on the importance of their family's alma mater, and choosing a college to attend is more than a decision that is made during one's senior year of high school. The university chosen is a way of life. Therefore, it is the job of alumni of this great University to ensure our children are brought up with a relationship to Southern Miss. This will result in an increase in the number of second- and third-generation Southern Miss students.

The Alumni Association continues to need your assistance in identifying an important group of future Golden Eagles. Please take a few minutes to provide your children's information by completing the "Legacy Information" form located at SouthernMissAlumni.com/LegacyInfo. In order to effectively communicate with legacies, it is essential that the University have up-to-date contact information on each prospective student.

The Association staff has since developed and implemented a plan for identifying, educating and recruiting the children of alumni to Southern Miss. This plan that will continue to develop for years to come.

In recent efforts, alumni have received several opportunities to provide names of their children, along with additional information to help ensure they are recruited appropriately. From a direct mail piece distributed to 30,000 University alumni, to birthday cards that are mailed monthly to children of alumni, the efforts put forth by the Association have returned more than 4,500 names of children of alumni to add to our database.

In addition, on November 17, in conjunction with the University's primary student recruitment effort, Black and Gold Day, the organization hosted the inaugural parent/student tailgate designed to provide Southern Miss alumni and their current junior and senior level students with a VIP experience aimed at supplementing the student's recruitment by the Office of Admissions. The initial response to the event was overwhelmingly positive and more than 75 people, including alumni and potential future Golden Eagles were in attendance.

NEARLY $25,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED FOR 2011-12 BY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

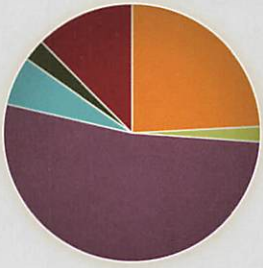
The Alumni Association plays a role in The University of Southern Mississippi's willingness to help future and current students succeed through financial assistance with tuition by annually awarding a number of scholarships to incoming freshman and current students who are a part of The Legacy.

One of several scholarships managed by the Association is the Mary Loraine Peets Buffett Scholarship. Alex Geiger has been the recipient of this scholarship, granted to two full-time female freshmen that select a major within the College of Arts and Letters, for the past four years.

"I have absolutely fallen in love with The University of Southern Mississippi," expressed Geiger. "This scholarship is the reason I was able to stay at a four-year college. It's been a big peace of mind knowing that I haven't been a burden on my family, and I've been able to take advantage of numerous opportunities my major has given me, such as being able to sing in places I've only read about in books. This scholarship has made my college experience vibrant and colorful, none of which would have been possible without it. For that, I am eternally grateful."

To view a presentation of the 2012 scholarship video, scan the QR code above with your smart phone.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND AWARD DISTRIBUTION BREAKDOWN



The PIERCE LEGACY FUND SCHOLARSHIP (awarded to six)	$6,000
The ELMO LANG MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP (awarded to one)	$500
The MARY LORAINE PEETS BUFFETT SCHOLARSHIP (awarded to two)	$13,006.39
The POWELL AND FRANCES OGLETREE ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP (awarded to one)	$1,560.74
The PAST PRESIDENTS COUNCIL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP (awarded to two)	$654.20
The CLYDE KENNARD MEMORIAL ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP (awarded to six)	$3,063.63
TOTAL	$24,784.96

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Alumni Association annually awards a number of scholarships to incoming freshmen and current students who are part of The Legacy, the student Alumni Association.

The Robert D. Pierce, II Legacy Scholars Program has awarded $1,000 one-time scholarships to incoming freshmen each year since 2004, while the Powell and Frances Ogletree Endowed Scholarship, the Past Presidents Council Endowed Scholarship and the Clyde Kennard Memorial Endowed Scholarship are awarded to current Golden Eagles.

The Mary Loraine Peets Buffett Scholarship is awarded annually to two women from Mississippi who select a major from within the College of Arts and Letters. The $5,000 scholarship is renewable up to four years.

The Elmo Lang Memorial Scholarship is awarded to an incoming freshman from the state of Mississippi.

A number of the Association's chapters award scholarships as well. In addition, children of Alumni Association members may be eligible for an Out-of-State Tuition Scholarship.

THE PIERCE LEGACY FUND SCHOLARSHIP

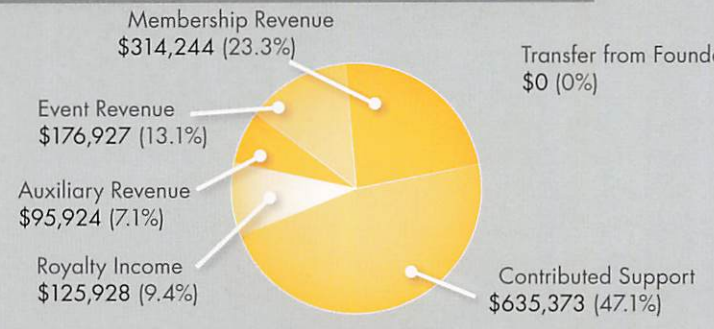
1910 SOUTHERN MISS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION TO THE TOP!

"College will be the greatest time of your life."
—Elmo Lang '54

Applications can be obtained online, at the Ogletree House, the USM Foundation or through the Office of Admissions.
All applications must be submitted to the Alumni Association no later than March 15 for the upcoming fall semester.
For more information, please call the Alumni Association at 601.266.5013 or visit SouthernMissAlumni.com.

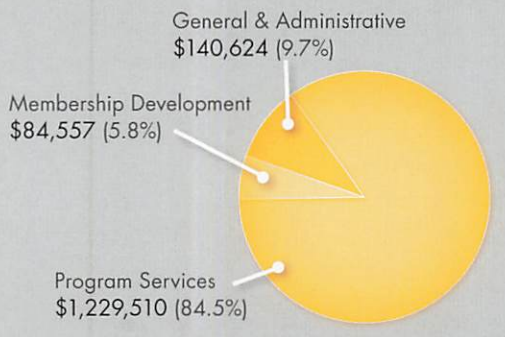
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL POSITION
FOR FISCAL YEARS 2012 AND 2013

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012



TOTAL REVENUE, GAINS AND OTHER SUPPORT

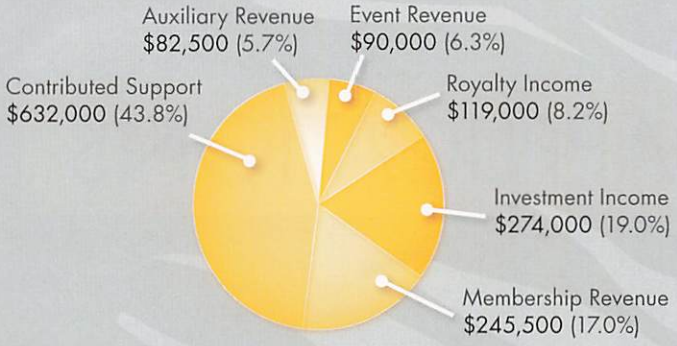
	$ 1,348,396
Investment returns	$ (81,515)
	$1,266,881



TOTAL EXPENSES

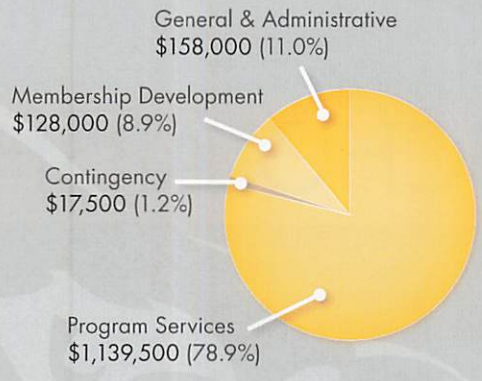
$1,454,691

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 2012-2013



TOTAL INCOME AND OTHER SUPPORT

$1,443,000



TOTAL EXPENSES

$1,443,000

ABOUT THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

The University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Association is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation chartered under the laws of the State of Mississippi in 1955 by then Executive Secretary Powell G. Ogletree. As of June 30, 2012, the conclusion of the 2011-2012 Fiscal Year, the Alumni Association reported total assets of $3,005,055 and a total membership of 16,570. The 16,570 members represent 13.6 percent of the University's 121,882 alumni-of-record.

ASSETS

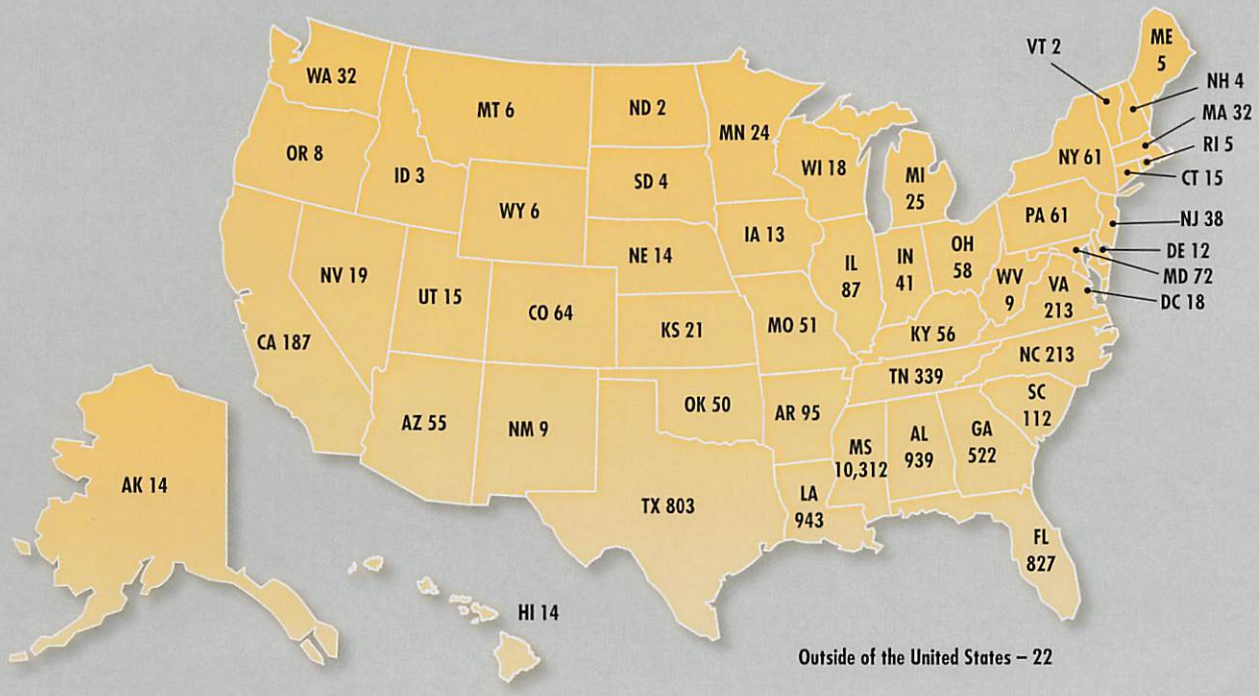
Current Assets	$ 577,991
Investments	$2,379,881
Total Property and Equipment	$ 47,183
Total Assets	**$ 3,005,055**

LIABILITIES

Total Current Liabilities	$ 141,528
Noncurrent Liabilities (Deferred Revenue)	$ 60,600
Total Net Assets	$2,802,927
Total Liabilities & Net Assets	**$ 3,005,055**

ABOUT OUR MEMBERS

The University of Southern Mississippi Alumni Association is comprised of members from all 50 states and numerous countries outside of the United States. Its 16,570 members are residents of the states below.



ACTIVE YEARS

of Annual Membership in the Alumni Association*

Number of Years	Number of Members
0-4	4,156
5-9	2,389
10-14	1,303
15-19	871
20-24	744
25 and more	2,275
Life Members	4,832
TOTAL	**16,570**

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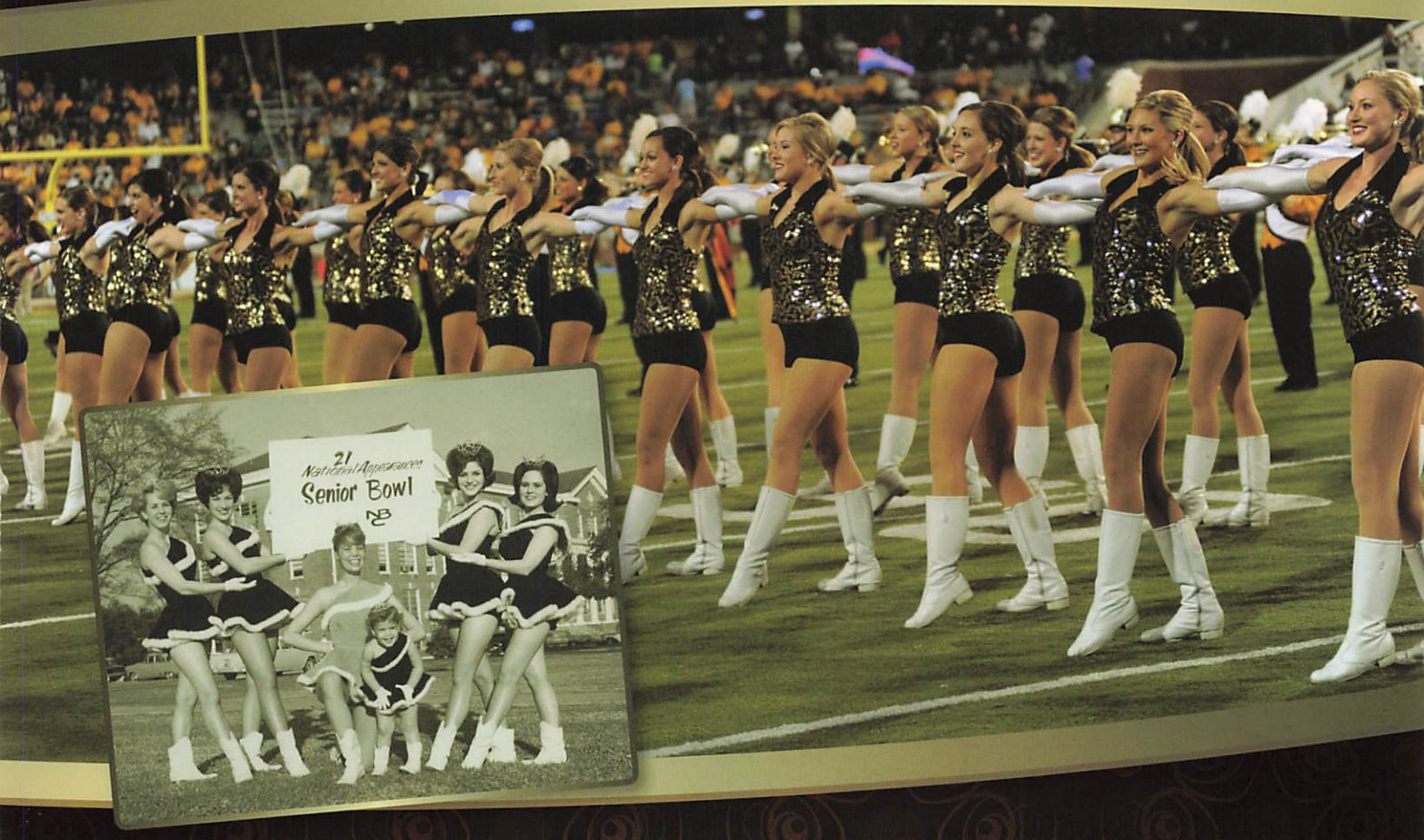


Also known as the "Rockettes of the Gridiron," The University of Southern Mississippi's Dixie Darlings have been struttin' and kickin' since 1954. Founded by Band Director Raymond Mannoni and patterned after the Texas Community College Kilgore Rangerettes, the Dixie Darlings began as a legendary precision jazz and kick team that lives on today as one of the University's oldest traditions.

Since their inception more than half a century ago, the Dixie Darlings have represented the spirit and tradition of Southern Miss athletics. Today, you can help in keeping that tradition alive by supporting the Dixie Darlings with a gift to the USM Foundation.

Gifts can be mailed to:

THE USM FOUNDATION
118 College Drive #5210
Hattiesburg, MS 39406-0001

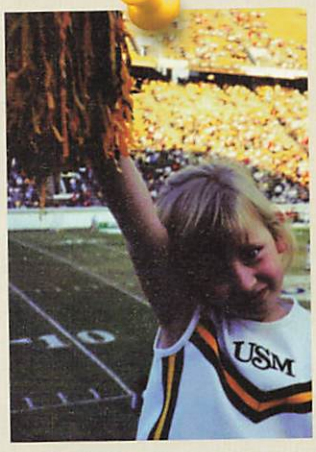
Make checks payable to the USM Foundation with "Dixie Darling Fund #1064" in the memo blank for proper credit.

Gifts can also be made online by visiting www.usmfoundation.com/giving and typing "Dixie Darling Fund #1064" in the designation text box.

The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and gifts are tax-deductible to the extent of current IRS regulations.

Black & Gold runs in Rhea Phillips' family. DOES IT RUN IN YOURS?

Rhea Phillips Valentine, a freshman at Southern Miss and a legacy of the University, sat down with the Alumni Association staff to answer a few questions about her Golden Eagle experience thus far.



What is your earliest Southern Miss memory?
When I was little, I would always attend Southern Miss games. I remember being about five or six years old, going to a football game and wearing a Southern Miss cheerleading uniform. I remember enjoying the game and having a lot of fun.

What all are you involved in on campus?
I am involved in Chi Omega sorority, Freshman Associates and the Baptist Student Union. I am a Leadership Scholar, was awarded the Pierce Legacy Scholarship and am actively involved in The Legacy, the student chapter of the Southern Miss Alumni Association.

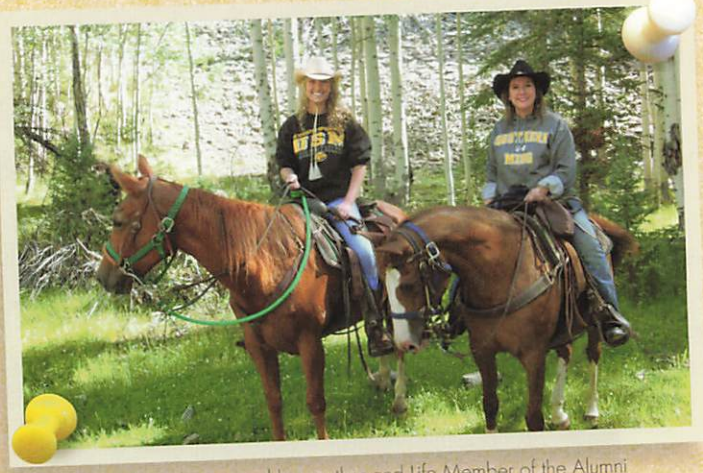
Why did you choose Southern Miss?
I chose Southern Miss because I grew up in Hattiesburg and around the University. When I started thinking about going to college, Southern Miss was always in the front of my mind. Something drew me here. Whenever I visited other colleges, I enjoyed those experiences and loved seeing other places, but for some reason, Southern Miss felt like home, and not because it was close to home. I don't feel like I'm still where I grew up. Also, there is my family connection. I have aunts, uncles and grandparents that attended the University, and I genuinely felt as if this was my home. Whenever I received the scholarships awarded to me, I believed that was God saying, "I've given you this opportunity. Now attend Southern Miss!" I have not regretted my decision at all.

Above: Valentine was selected freshman Homecoming maid for the 2012 Homecoming festivities held in October.

Above Left: Wearing a Southern Miss cheerleading outfit and attending University sporting events are among Valentine's earliest Southern Miss memories.

What has been your best Southern Miss moment so far?

Whenever I found out I had been accepted into Chi Omega sorority, it was such a great moment for me. Even though my mother was a Chi Omega, this is not why I was drawn to this sorority. My grandmother had been a member of another Greek organization, and my goal during recruitment was to keep an open mind. On bid day, when I walked into the Chi Omega house, I felt so welcome and at home. I came to college wanting to meet people that I would be friends with for the rest of my life, and whenever I was welcomed by those girls, I knew this is where I was meant to be the whole time.



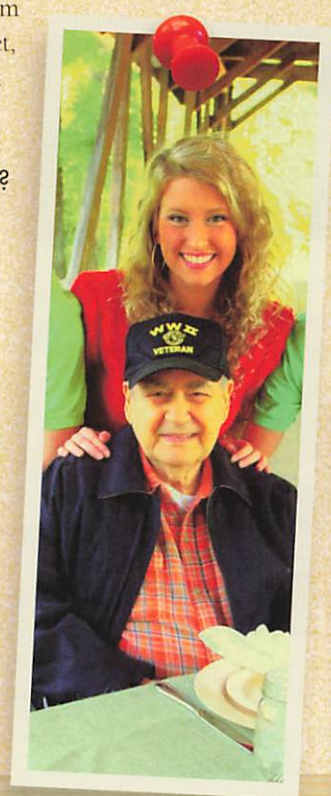
From left to right, Valentine and her mother and Life Member of the Alumni Association, Alesia Phillips Valentine '87, in Platoro, Colorado this past summer.

Even though this is your first year at Southern Miss, have you given any thought as to what career path you would like to pursue after your time here is over?

Although my major is undeclared, I've been seriously contemplating education because I have a special place in my heart for people with special needs. I've always wanted to be a special needs teacher. I've been working at Civitan Camp for the past five years, and that is what has pushed me down that path. I'm still praying about my decision, and I'm not 100 percent sure what I want to do yet, but that's always a possibility. I know that career path would make me happy.

Who is your Black and Gold role model?

My grandfather. He passed away this summer. He bled Black and Gold and loved the campus and everything about Southern Miss. He was one of the reasons why I chose Southern Miss. In 1950, he was class president. His class donated the sundial, located near the entrance of the Hattiesburg campus in front of the Aubrey K. Lucas Administration building. (My dad actually asked my mom to marry him in front of that sundial!)



Right: A man whom she describes as her black and gold role model, Valentine is seen here with her grandfather, former Alumni Association president, the late Dr. Tom Rhea Phillips '50.

My grandfather was such an inspiration in my life, and toward the end of his life, he was one of the happiest people. He loved my grandmother with all of his heart. The way he lived is the way I want to live. When he looked back on his life, he knew he had accomplished so much and lived life to the fullest.

Do you have any favorite Southern Miss moments you would like to share?

Being selected freshman Homecoming maid was such an honor. I was not expecting that at all. My expectations were to come to Southern Miss and blend into the crowd. Being chosen was such a unique experience. The Homecoming parade was so neat, but my favorite part of the day was participating in the Eagle Walk. When we paraded through the Eagle Walk with The Pride playing, my escort and I nearly fell out of the car it was such an overwhelming experience!

Do you have any Southern Miss bucket list items you plan to check off before you graduate?

I want to be on Southern Style and GEWW Crew. Coming to Southern Miss and going through GEWW is what made me excited to be coming to this University. I didn't know what to expect, but one of my GEWW leaders truly has shaped my Southern Miss experience thus far. She has encouraged me to participate in things I wouldn't normally consider. Meeting those people, seeing how much they love Southern Miss, and how pumped up they were for the incoming freshman made me realize immediately that I had made the right choice in becoming a Golden Eagle.

Southern Miss is a family, and you're an important part of keeping the Black and Gold spirit alive. It's never too early to start. Visit campus, attend a Southern Miss sporting event, or simply tell your child about your college experience.

From the nest until they spread their wings, make Southern Miss a part of your family tradition.

Southern Quarterly, a Definition of the Arts and Letters

What do a Mississippi governor, the poet laureate of the United States, a Grammy-winning blues musician, an inspirational pastor of a mega-church, a 20th-century American painter, and a Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright have in common? All have ties to the South, and all are featured in the Jubilee issue of the *Southern Quarterly*, the premier scholarly journal in the state.

In a year of celebrations and milestones at The University of Southern Mississippi, the publication of the *Southern Quarterly*'s 50th issue is yet another example of the University's traditions and excellence. Edited and produced through the College of Arts and Letters, the *Southern Quarterly* can claim 50 years of being one of the most distinguished scholarly journals in the country that is exclusively devoted to the study of the arts and humanities in the South.

What began in 1962 as a simple in-house publication showcasing essays by Southern Miss faculty is now an internationally known scholarly journal. "The journal has always been a point of pride for me. In fact, the identity of the *Southern Quarterly* and Southern Miss are intertwined," said President Aubrey K. Lucas.

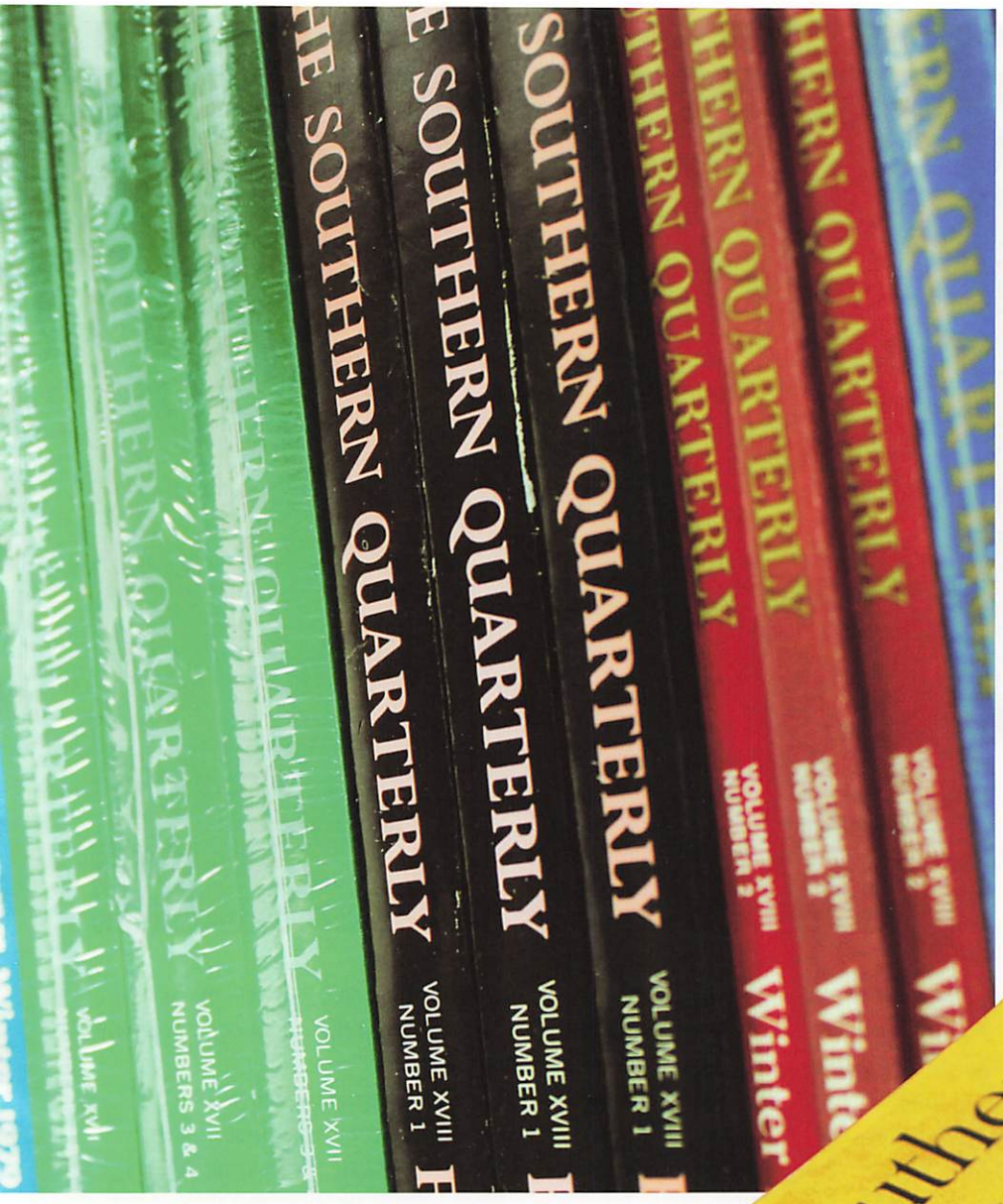
The *Southern Quarterly* defines the arts broadly, including folklore, history, architecture and popular culture along with music, theatre, dance, literature, sculpture, painting, poetry and photography. It consistently includes special features on Southern artists and writers, such as Tennessee Williams, Kate Chopin, Harry Crews, Erskine Caldwell, Lee Smith, Conrad Aiken, Walker Percy and Eudora Welty. Notable special issues have focused on Louisiana films, Elvis Presley, food, the legacy of Emmett Till and African-American identities.

The Jubilee issue (Fall 2012) features interviews with Southern Miss alumnus and Mississippi Governor Phil Bryant, critically acclaimed playwright and Jackson native Beth Henley, and Hattiesburg's very own bluesman, Vasti Jackson. Essays in this landmark issue examine Nathaniel Hawthorne's influence on Southern writers, military pastimes of troops at Camp Shelby from 1918-45, the mega-church movement in the South, and the work of Walter Inglis Anderson. The issue also includes new poetry by Paul Mariani, Dave Smith, Robert Morgan, Linda Pastan, David Kirby, Andrew Hudgins, Kelly Cherry and poet laureate of Mississippi and the United States, Natasha Trethewey.

Dr. Steven Moser, dean of the College of Arts and Letters, asserts that the *Southern Quarterly* embodies the spirit of the College of Arts and Letters and reflects the types of research achieved in the liberal, fine and performing arts.

"For decades, the *Southern Quarterly* has published influential essays on literature, history, music, art, anthropology, religion, film, theatre and performance studies, photography, and even military customs and events," said Moser.

The journal has always been edited by faculty of the College of Arts and



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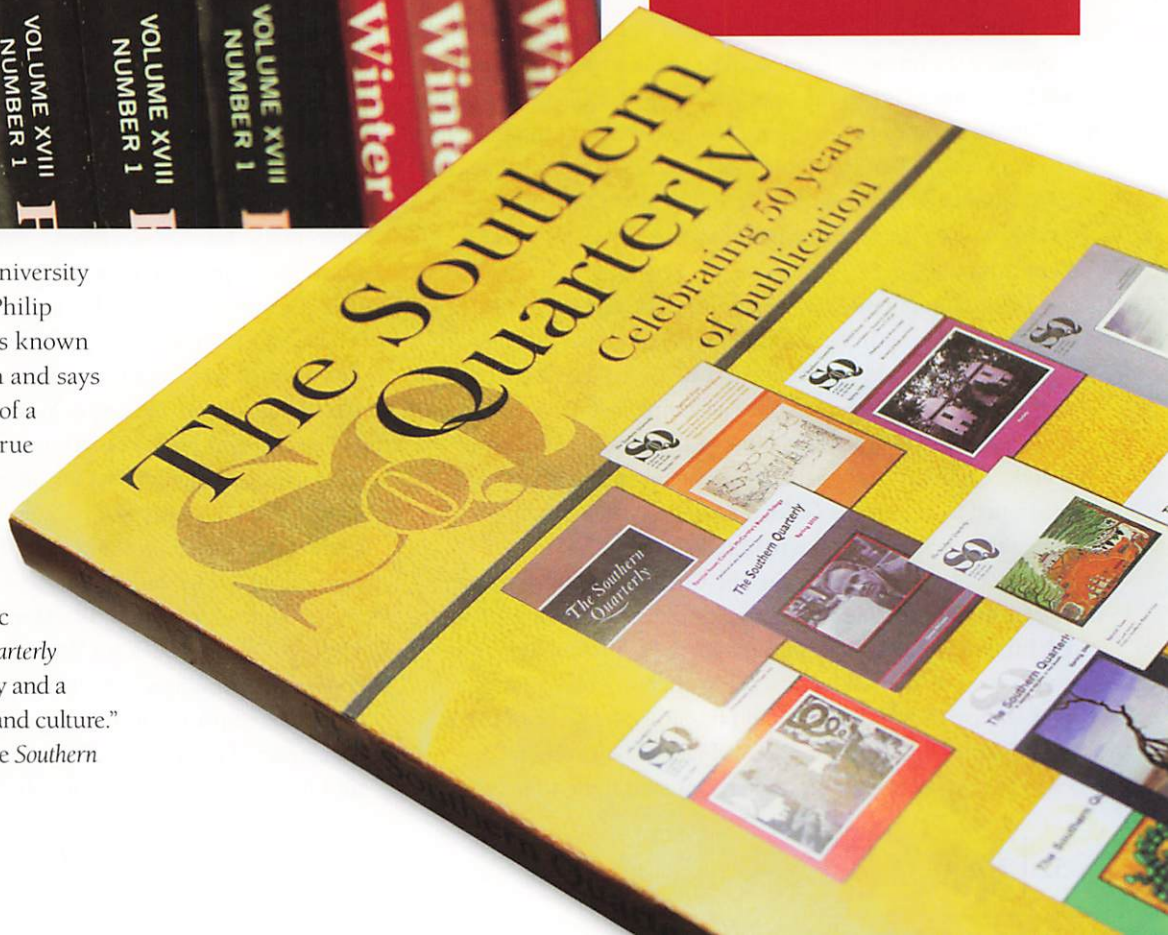

Letters. Current editor and University Distinguished Professor Dr. Philip Kolin notes that the College is known for its interdisciplinary vision and says that he is honored to be part of a scholarly journal that, in its true essence, celebrates the spirit of individuality.

As Kolin says, "This decidedly very Southern journal celebrates life, art, music and literature. The *Southern Quarterly* is truly an icon of the University and a pacesetter in Southern studies and culture."

For more information on the *Southern Quarterly,* visit usm.edu/soq.

Southern Miss Announces Todd Monken as 20th Head Football Coach

Southern Miss Director of Athletics Jeff Hammond, right, introduces Todd Monken as the new head football coach during a news conference on Dec. 11, on the Hattiesburg campus.

Southern Miss Director of Athletics Jeff Hammond recently announced the hiring of Todd Monken as the school's 20th football coach. The hiring is pending approval by the IHL Board of Trustees.

Monken comes to Southern Miss after serving the last two seasons as offensive coordinator and quarterbacks coach at Oklahoma State. It was his second stint at OSU, after serving as pass game coordinator and wide receivers coach there from 2002-04.

"We said going into this search that we wanted to find a dynamic leader with the character to lead our program back to prominence," said Hammond. "I believe today, with the hiring of Todd Monken, we have accomplished that. With his extensive background at some of the premier programs in college football and in the NFL, we believe he is perfectly positioned to return the Golden Eagles to competing both in Conference USA and in the national spotlight."

Under Monken this season, the Cowboys – which had a true freshman starting quarterback to start the season and a redshirt freshman as the primary backup - ranked among the nation's top 10 nationally in scoring offense (4th/44.7 ppg), total offense (5th/548.9 ypg) and passing offense (7th/333.4 ypg). OSU will play in the Heart of Dallas Bowl on Jan. 1.

In the last two seasons, OSU has scored more than 50 points 10 times, broke the 60-point mark in five contests, the 70-point mark twice and the 80-point plateau once in just two years with Monken calling the plays.

The Cowboys also during that span set single-season records for points scored, touchdowns scored, first downs, pass attempts, pass completions, passing yards, completion percentage, touchdown passes, yards per play and third-down conversions in 2011, in addition to posting six of the top seven single-game passing marks in school history.

Prior to returning to OSU for his second time, Monken spent four years as wide receivers coach for the Jacksonville Jaguars of the National Football League. He had been promoted to the role of Jaguars' quarterbacks coach immediately before taking the offensive coordinator job at Oklahoma State. In addition to his tenure at OSU and in the NFL, Monken has spent time at LSU, Oklahoma State, Louisiana Tech, Eastern Michigan, Notre Dame and Grand Valley State.

A native of Wheaton, Ill., Monken was a three-year letter-winner at quarterback for Knox College. He earned a bachelor's degree in economics (1989) and followed with a master's degree in education leadership from Grand Valley State. He is a member of the Knox College Athletic Hall of Fame. Monken and his wife, Terri, have one son, Travis.

MONKEN AT A GLANCE

YEAR BY YEAR

YEAR	EMPLOYER/POSITION
2011-12	Oklahoma State OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR/QUARTERBACKS
2007-10	Jacksonville Jaguars WIDE RECEIVERS
2005-06	LSU PASSING GAME COORDINATOR/WIDE RECEIVERS
2002-04	Oklahoma State PASSING GAME COORDINATOR/WIDE RECEIVERS
2000-01	Louisiana Tech RUNNING BACKS/RECRUITING COORDINATOR IN 2000/WIDE RECEIVERS
1993-99	Eastern Michigan DEFENSIVE BACKS/WIDE RECEIVERS/OFFENSIVE COORDINATOR, QBS FROM 1998-99
1991-92	Notre Dame GRADUATE ASSISTANT
1989-90	Grand Valley State ASSISTANT COACH

BOWL GAMES

YEAR	BOWL GAME
2012	Fiesta Bowl
2007	Sugar Bowl
2005	Peach Bowl
2002	Houston Bowl
2004	Cotton Bowl
2004	Alamo Bowl
2001	Humanitarian Bowl
1993	Cotton Bowl
1992	Sugar Bowl

Southern Miss 2013 Baseball Season Tickets Now on Sale

Season tickets for the 2013 Southern Miss home baseball season are now on sale and include 32 home games at Pete Taylor Park/Hill Denson Field.

The Golden Eagles will play 16 different schools on its 2013 home slate, including six that reached the NCAA Tournament a season ago for a total 12 home games. The season begins at home with a three-game home series, Feb. 15-17, against Southeastern Conference newcomer Missouri. The following weekend, the Golden Eagles hold the Southern Miss Invitational, which will consist of East Illinois, 2012 NCAA participant Missouri State, and in-state foe Alcorn State, Feb. 22-24.

During the year, the Golden Eagles hold three-game series non-Conference series against Louisiana-Lafayette (Mar. 8-10), Central Arkansas (Mar. 15-17), and SIU-Edwardsville (May 10-12), NCAA and C-USA foes Rice (Mar. 22-24) and UAB (Apr. 27-29), as well as league foes Tulane (Apr. 5-7) and Marshall (Apr. 12-14). The home slate also includes single games against South Alabama (Mar. 26), New Orleans (Apr. 10), Alabama (Apr. 24), Louisiana-Monroe (Apr. 30), and they finish up the home schedule with Ole Miss (May 14).

Prices for Golden Eagle season tickets include $240 for chair backs, which are based on availability, $180 for adult general admission and $70 for youth general admission. The priority deadline is Jan. 11.

Tickets can be purchased online via SouthernMissTickets.com, by phone at 1.800.844.TICK, or in person at the Pat Ferlise Ticket Center weekdays.

The Golden Eagles finished 32-24 in 2012 and were 16th in the country in average home attendance at 3,424 fans a game, while their cumulative attendance of 92,455 ranked No. 25 nationally.

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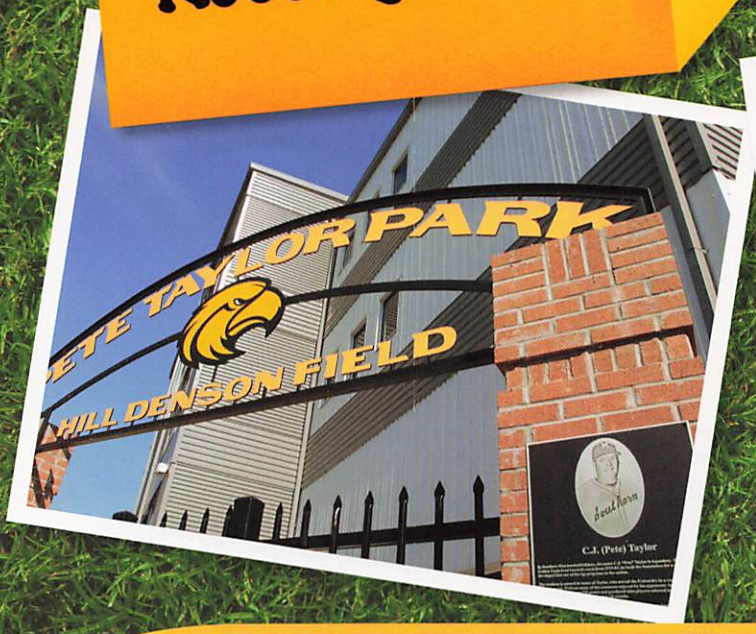

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McClain Tabbed as Senior Associate Athletic Director for External Affairs

Jeremy McClain, who has served the last five years as director of athletics at Delta State University, has been hired as the new senior associate athletic director for external affairs by The University of Southern Mississippi. At Southern Miss, McClain will oversee ticket sales, marketing and fundraising efforts.

"Jeremy McClain is an absolutely fabulous addition to our Athletics department," said Southern Miss Director of Athletics Jeff Hammond. "He's a man of character, moral courage and has already demonstrated outstanding and exceptional leadership while at Delta State. We are so excited to have him and his family with the Golden Eagles."

While at Delta State, the CHAMPS/Life Skills Program and the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee increased its services to the school's 350 student-athletes. McClain also served as the executive director of the Green and White Fund.

McClain also was able to increase donations to the school's athletic department, securing funding for the

Jeremy McClain

first phase of DSU's Athletic Master Plan, as well as for a scoreboard renovation at Parker Field-McCool Stadium, Ferriss Field, University Field and Sillers Coliseum.

Delta State's on-field successes also increased under McClain. During his tenure, the Statesmen and Lady Statesmen claimed seven Gulf South Conference championships, five NCAA regional crowns and 21 NCAA post-season appearances. In 2010, the football team appeared in the NCAA Division II National Championship, and last season, the baseball team earned a runner-up finish at the NCAA DII College World Series.

Prior to becoming athletics director, McClain was the director of development for the Delta State University Foundation, where he was responsible for securing and setting up scholarships for various departments as well as helping to advance the university through various projects.

McClain earned his bachelor's degree in business administration from Delta State in 1999, where he was a Division II All-American in baseball. He earned his master's degree in 2002. After playing professional baseball for five years, he served as an account executive for the Jackson Senators minor league baseball team.

MEN'S BASKETBALL REMAINING HOME SCHEDULE

Dec. 31	William Carey
Jan. 3	Dillard
Jan. 12	* Houston
Jan. 19	* UAB
Jan. 23	* Marshall
Feb. 9	* Memphis
Feb. 13	* Tulane
Feb. 20	* UTEP
March 2	* East Carolina
March 9	* UCF

*Conference USA Game

2013 LADY EAGLE HOME SCHEDULE

February 15	Jacksonville State
February 16	Sam Houston State
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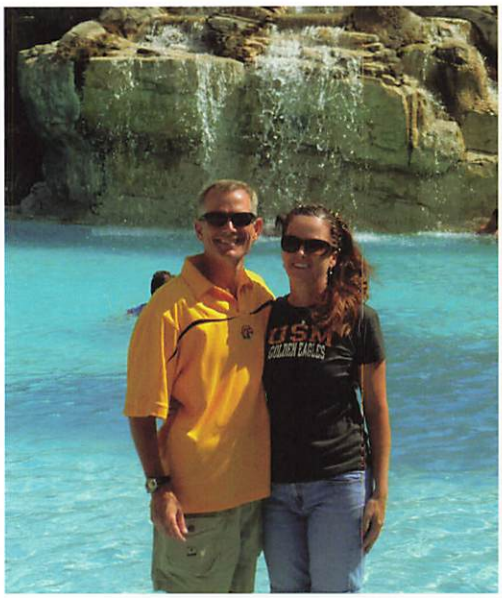
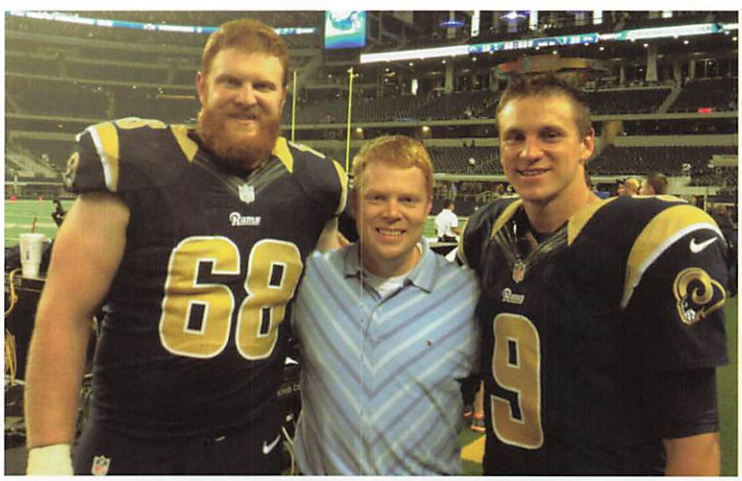
February 17	Sam Houston State
February 22	Northwestern State
February 23	Northwestern State
February 23	Louisiana Tech
February 24	Louisiana Tech
March 9	Houston*
March 10	Houston*
March 23	UTEP*
March 24	UTEP*
April 2	Troy
April 6	Memphis*
April 7	Memphis*
April 27	East Carolina*
April 28	East Carolina*

* Conference USA Game

As the temperature falls, be sure to wrap yourself in the warmest black and gold. And when you brave the conditions in your Southern Miss gear, be sure to let us know. Send photos* of yourself, your family and friends, and we will print as many as space allows in a future edition of Snapshots.



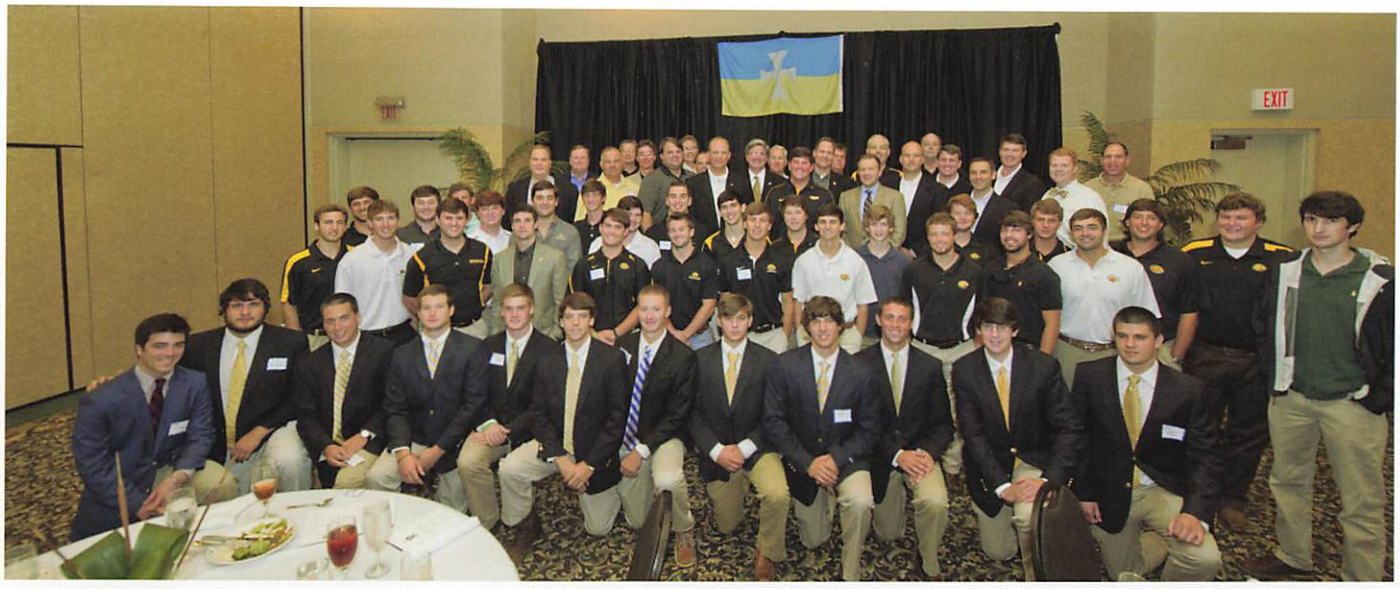


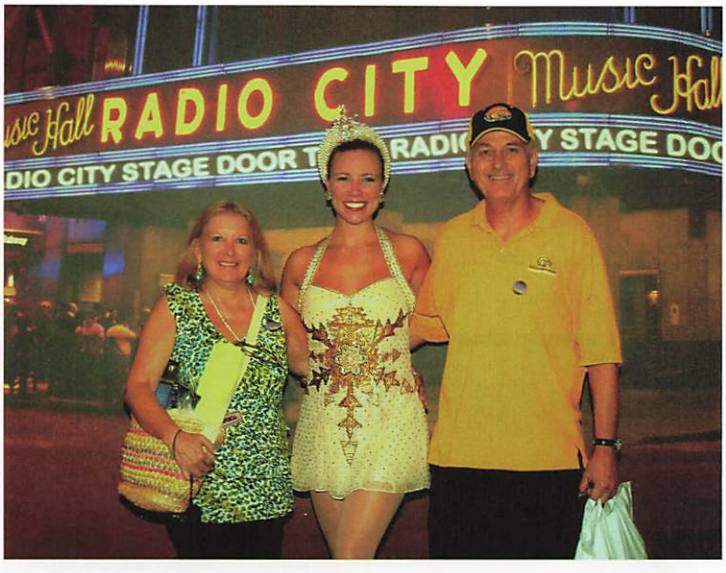
Top Left: Cathy Cobb Coffman '87 and Aaron Coffman '87 met their senior year at Southern Miss. They are pictured celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary in Aruba.

Top Right: Southern Miss Gulf Coast students Danielle Anderson (left), a senior community health science major, and Ambere Riggs, a senior nursing major, paint the Little Rock on the Gulf Park campus in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The students, along with Southern Miss faculty and staff, represented the Pink Golden Eagles Team for the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk held October 20 in Biloxi.

Above: Southern Miss alumnus Bill Broadhead '09 of Mendenhall recently traveled with his family to Dallas to watch two former recipients of the Bill and Amanda Broadhead Football Scholarship for a Christian Athlete at The University of Southern Mississippi play for the St. Louis Rams in a game versus the Dallas Cowboys. Pictured on the field at Cowboy Stadium post-game are Ryan McKee '08, Bill Broadhead and Austin Davis '11.

Right: Lieutenant Colonel Eric Hook '93, Commander, 386th Expeditionary Operations Support Squadron (left), and Senior Master Sergeant William Ducote '10, Fire Chief, 386th Expeditionary Civil Engineering Squadron (right), are currently deployed to an undisclosed location in Southwest Asia in support of Operations New Dawn and Enduring Freedom.



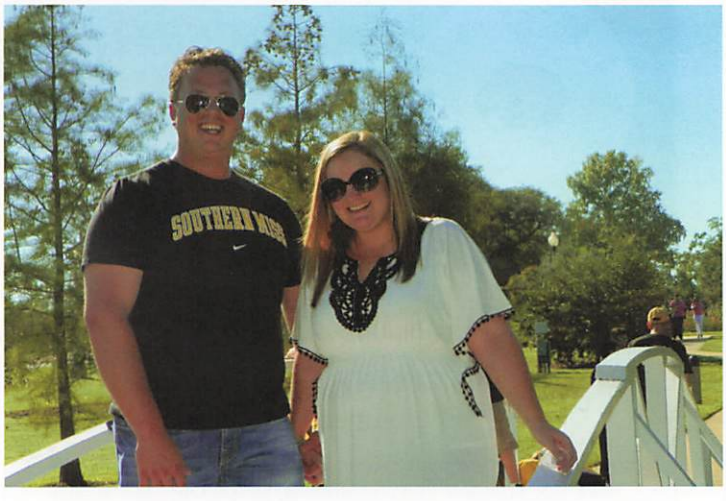


Above: On September 29, members and alumni of the Theta Delta chapter of Sigma Chi Fraternity gathered to present the Significant Sig Award to Southern Miss alumnus and member of the United States House of Representatives, Steven Palazzo '94, '96. The Significant Sig Award is the highest accolade the Sigma Chi Fraternity presents to its alumni for civic and professional accomplishment. Rep. Palazzo is only the second Southern Miss alumnus to receive the award

Left: Mary and Ricky Noble '69 pictured with a Radio City Music Hall Rockette during a recent trip to New York City

Bottom Left: Erica Charlesworth '05 is shown here with her fiancé Justin LaPointe after he proposed to her during Homecoming 2012 on the Lake Byron bridge.

Below: Ed Kauchick '52 presents a football to alumnus Chuck Scianna '75 in appreciation of his generous support during the "Fill To the Top" Athletics campaign. In 2011, Scianna committed $6 million to help fund construction of the new College of Business building, which will bear his name.



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1940s

EDDIE SESSIONS '49, '52 was presented with the Chevalier Legion of Honor for his WWII service in liberating the French people on September 27, 2012, at the French Embassy in Atlanta, Ga. He proudly served his country and helped thousands. After his return home, Eddie attended Southern Miss as an undergraduate. A native of Union, Eddie graduated from Southern Miss and is now living in Carrollton, Ga.

1960s

KATHRYN LEWIS '69, '70 has been named a recipient of the 2013 Governor's Arts Award. The Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC) will honor Lewis, who won the award for Arts in Education, and the four other recipients at the 25th annual public ceremony on February 21, 2013, in the Belhaven University Center for the Arts Concert Hall.

1970s

NORMAN WOODRICK '71, '75 has retired to Nashville, Tenn., where he will spend time with family and continue to advise several local large bands.

CAROL ANN CRAPPS-DRANE '74 of Madison, now serves as the Student Support Services coordinator at the Simpson County Technical Center in Mendenhall. She is currently involved in implementing the ASK-CTE Literacy Project at the center.

RAY HAIR, '75 was elected international president of the American Federation of the United States and Canada in 2010. He negotiates labor agreements with the sound recording, television and motion picture and jingle industries on behalf of 90,000 AFM members.

WILLIAM CHONG WONG '78 was awarded the Gold Cross and Gold Badge awards for recognition of special service to the Honduran government. Chong Wong currently serves as financial advisor to the president of Honduras.

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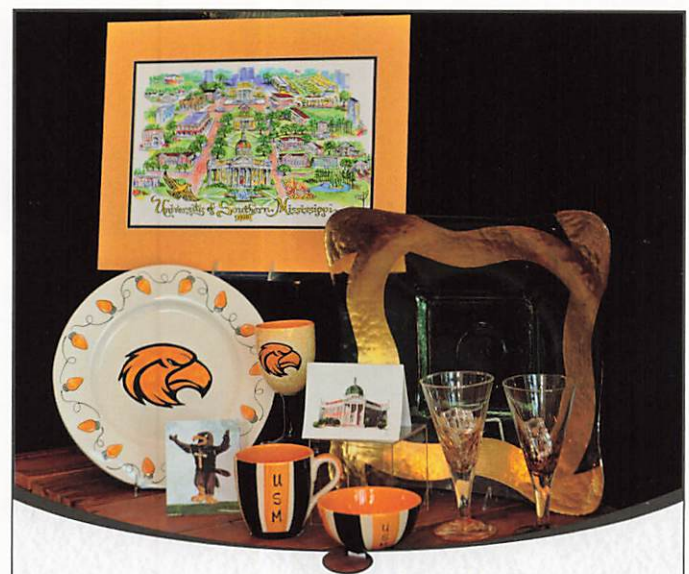

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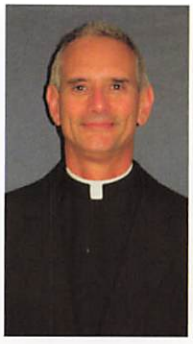
DOROTHY D. "DOT" MOORE '78, '05 was recently welcomed by Hattiesburg Clinic to work with Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation. Moore is a member of the American Nurses' Association, the Mississippi Nurses' Association and Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing.



FR. MICHAEL MARASCALCO '79 of Biloxi was ordained a Catholic priest by Bishop Roger Morin on June 23, 2012, at the Cathedral of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, also in Biloxi.

1980s

CHARLES (CHUCK) WHITTINGTON JR. '86 was commissioned as an officer after participating in the Army ROTC program at Southern Miss. He was promoted to the rank of Major General on Oct. 7, 2012, and also assumed command of the 29th Infantry Division the same day. The 29th Infantry Division is based out of Ft. Belvoir, Va.

CHARLES HUGHES, JR. '86, '90, '09 has been named executive director for the Mississippi Council on Developmental Disabilities in Jackson, Miss. Council members are appointed by the Governor and promote quality-of-life initiatives for people with developmental disabilities in their communities.

Dr. Stacey Malaret '96

Dr. Stacey Malaret '96 is originally from Orlando, Florida, and graduated from The University of Southern Mississippi in 1996 with her B.A. in psychology. While she was at Southern Miss, Stacey was in the Honors College and heavily involved with Delta Zeta Sorority as recording secretary and vice president for new member education. She was also a Student Judiciary Board member and a Golden Girl.

She then graduated in 1998 from The University of Central Florida with a M.A. in student personnel, and in 2007 with her doctorate in educational leadership. She has worked in the student development field since 1999 and is currently the director for student leadership development at The University of Central Florida. Many of her programming initiatives are designed to further assist with student development and growth. Currently, Dr. Malaret serves as the director of the LEAD scholars program, a selective, two-year program designed to promote academic excellence and to educate students about changing the world around them. This program provides leadership and networking opportunities for high-achieving students to better prepare them for the rigors of post-graduate life. Common events include guest lectures, service projects and personal development opportunities. Dr. Malaret also produced and directs an educational studies minor program for students interested in further developing their peers. In addition to directing her department and programming, Dr. Malaret teaches several courses at UCF, including courses on student achievement and gender theory.

Stacey is happily married to Pedro Malaret and has four-year-old twins, Madison and Brandon.

1990s

DOUGLAS C. SHOWS '91, '92 of Rome, Georgia, officiated the 2012 NCAA Men's Basketball Final Four in New Orleans, La. The game between the University of Kentucky and the University of Louisville was played in the Superdome. This was Shows' third appearance in the Final Four. Shows referees college basketball games in the Southeastern Conference, Big East and Atlantic Coast Conference among several others. He currently serves as vice president of Heritage First Bank.

ANNA MYERS BOLTON '92 and Paul Bolton of Columbus happily announce their October 2012 wedding.

SHAWNTERRY SMITH-CATO '94 and husband Lloyd announce the birth of their son Marcus Jalil Cato, born November 16, 2011. Marcus was welcomed by big sisters Amara and Mayah. The Catos reside in the San Francisco Bay area.

WALT DENTON has been named director of communications for the Gulf Coast Business Council. Since 2007, he has operated Denton Advertising in Biloxi. He previously was vice president of The Guice Agency, a senior account executive with Godwin Group in Jackson, and executive director of The Partnership in Prescott, Ark. His advertising accounts have received awards from ADDY, Telly and other groups.

2000s

DARBY '00, '03 and **TARA '99 USEY** happily announce the birth of their twin children Darby James "Tripp" and Torrie Leigh. The twins arrived healthy and happy on May 24, 2012.

SCOTT '02 AND JAMIE '03 MARTIN of Hattiesburg announce the birth of their newborn son, James Harris. James Harris was born October 2, 2012, and weighed 7 lbs. 14 oz.

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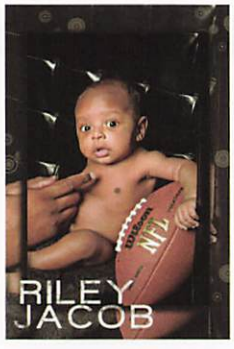
BRADFORD T. OXNAM '03 is currently lecturer of theatre for the Department of Speech and Theatre at Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesboro, Tenn. Brad is also an accomplished actor and fight choreographer in the Middle Tennessee area.

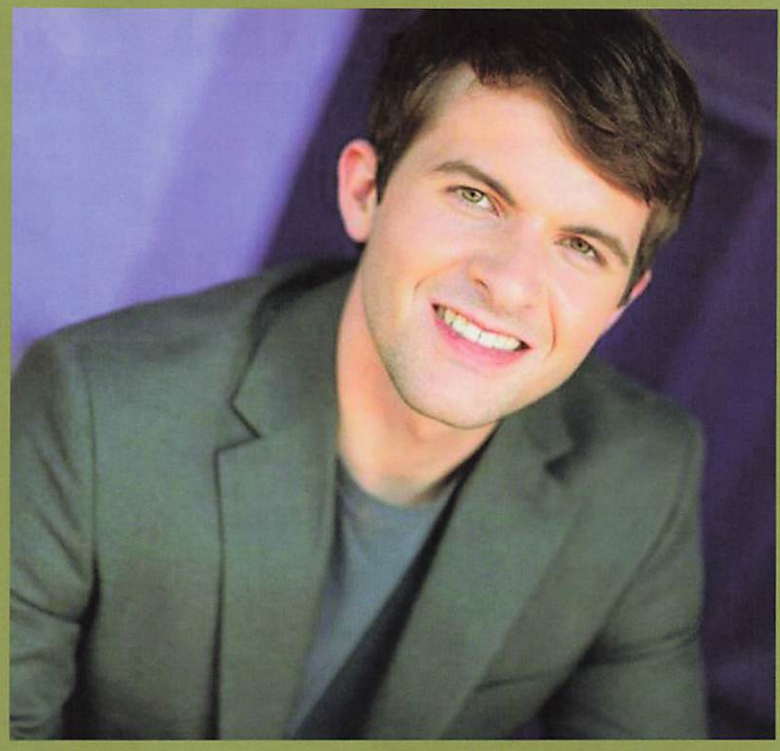
DR. JAKE WALBURN '03 of McAllen, Texas, and his wife Alba Madrid-Walburn announce the birth of their first daughter, Melanie Sophia Walburn.

AMANDA MCNABB '06 has been named market manager for the Hattiesburg/ Turtle Creek location of C SPIRE Wireless. McNabb will be responsible for operations, sales and services at her location.

DR. PAMELA SCOTT-BRACEY '07 of Yazoo recently graduated from the University of North Texas in Denton, Texas, with a Doctor of Philosophy degree in applied technology and performance improvement, with a minor in gifted and talented education. She resides in Dallas, Texas with her husband Rudy Bracey and recently gave birth to their first child Riley Jacob Bracey on June 24, 2012.



Jonathan Brannan '12



Jonathan Brannan '12 always knew he wanted to sing, but he never expected to hear his voice on the big screen. All that changed when he was selected to be a part of the Universal Studios Motion Picture *Pitch Perfect*, a film about college a capella singing groups competing to prove who is the very best on campus. Brannan had been working for some time trying to find a chance to sing in a bigger way, but opportunities were in short supply. After his talent agency booked him to a fast audition, Brannan assumed it would be like all the others. "After I sang, they made small talk and sent me on my way, one of those, 'Don't call us; we'll call you' type scenarios," said Brannan. Little did he know that a short call-back later would result in getting to sing and perform on an actual movie set.

Brannan gives most of the credit back to The University of Southern Mississippi, particularly their dedicated Music department. While working with famed vocal professors while performing in on-campus groups like The Spirit of Southern and The Southern Chorale, Brannan developed quickly as a vocalist.

His stint on the big screen doesn't stop Brannan from being humble, as he still continues to utilize his talents to help others. Brannan currently works as the choir and show choir director at New Hope High School and Middle School in Columbus, Miss. His film *Pitch Perfect* opened in theaters October 5, 2012.

2010s

BRANDON STEGALL '11 has been named market manager for the C Spire Wireless' Madison retail store in the Jackson metropolitan area. Stegall will be responsible for operations, sales and services in the Madison market.

Peasant Selected as 2012 High School Principal of the Year

Eddie Peasant '95, '05, '06, principal of Clinton High School, has been selected as the 2012 High School Principal of the Year. Sponsored by the National Association of Secondary School Principals, Peasant will represent Mississippi this fall at the Principals Institute in Washington, D.C. In addition to the Principal of the Year Award, Peasant received CPSD's Administrator of the Year award for the 2010-11 school year. He received the Sallie Mae First Year Teacher Award in 1993-94 and was named to Who's Who Among American Teachers in 1998.

He began his career in education as band director at Century High School in Escambia County, Fla., and later served as band director at Murrah High School in Jackson. He first came to Clinton High School as assistant principal in 2002, and left in 2005 to serve as principal of Gulfport Middle School in Gulfport. He returned to CHS as principal during the 2008-09 school year.

Richard Serving Volunteer Year at Northern Plains Resource Council

Molly Richard '12 of New Orleans, La., graduated from The University of Southern Mississippi with a degree in religion and minors in human rights, nonprofit studies and Spanish. She is currently serving a volunteer year at Northern Plains Resource Council in Billings, Mont., through the Jesuit Volunteer Corps Northwest. As an organizing assistant, Richard is helping Montanans organize themselves to protect their water quality, family farms and ranches and unique quality of life. She also helps facilitate a local food-buying club, which directly links food consumers to food producers, and she collaborates with a variety of community groups to create more local food opportunities in the Billings area.

In Memoriam

ROBERT NIMOCKS JR. '39
of Omaha, Neb., died November 10, 2012

NINA WALLACE '43
of Diamondhead, died October 22, 2012

ROBERT NEWMAN '49
of Clinton, died September 30, 2012

DALTON HILL '49
of Pearl, died October 20, 2012

ALTON PICKARD '50
of Baton Rouge, La., died August 16, 2012

WOODIE COOK '51
of Helena, Ark., died October 11, 2012

WARREN HUTTO '51
of Clara, died September 17, 2012

RODERICK WOODS '52
of Hattiesburg, died September 24, 2012

GAYLE STRICKLAND '53
of Mississippi, died October 13, 2012

MARJORIE SCLATER '54
of Matthews, N.C., died September 27, 2012

OSCAR GOUGH '55
of Tupelo, died September 24, 2012

CHARLES HUTSON '56
of McComb, died September 10, 2012

STEVENS MOORE '56
of Hattiesburg, died September 9, 2012

LT. COL LAWRENCE HOWELL '57
of St. Petersburg, Fla., died September 28, 2012

Mississippi Business Journal Selects Graves in 50 Leading Business Women in 2012

Susan Graves, executive vice president, chief financial officer and partner at GodwinGroup, has been selected by the *Mississippi Business Journal* as one of the 50 Leading Businesswomen for 2012. Recipients of this annual award are among some of the most influential female business leaders and senior decision-makers in Mississippi. As a result of her award, Graves will be eligible to become Mississippi's Businessperson of the Year for 2012.

Madison County's "Rising Star" Awarded to Ryan

Brant Ryan '02 of Madison, received Madison County's "Rising Star" award from the Madison County Chamber of Commerce. Ryan was selected for his civic service, business professionalism and community service actions. Ryan is an attorney with Adams and Reese, a multidisciplinary law firm with offices in Mississippi and Washington, D.C. At Adams and Reese, Ryan is a health care attorney, representing hospitals, physician groups, imaging centers, hospice providers, clinical laboratories and a variety of other nationwide and local health care organizations. In addition to his health care practice, Ryan represents applicants and objectors in rezoning matters, and defends school districts in appeals of school disciplinary decisions.

Ryan is an active member of the Health Law Section of the Mississippi Bar Association, American Health Lawyers Association and the Mississippi Volunteer Lawyers Program.

WILLIAM RILEY '57
of Oxford, died August 31, 2012

ALMON STRAIN '57
died August 8, 2012

NORINE BARNES '58
of Purvis, died August 29, 2012

WILLIE PIERCE '58
of Ruth, died September 11, 2012

PATRICIA S. THORNE '58
of Cantonment, Fla., died on March 2, 2012

BILLY THORNHILL '58
of Hattiesburg, died October 22, 2012

DR. WILLIAM BURNS '59, '65, '75
of Hattiesburg, died October 10, 2012

ALBERT DUCK '60, '61
of Natchez, died September 13, 2012

LARRY WEST '62
of Hattiesburg, died August 10, 2012

GARY EARLY '63
of Cantonment, Fla., died September 8, 2012

DR. MARION NISSEN '63, '64, '70
of Hattiesburg, died October 3, 2012

JOHN KIRK '64
of Bay Minette, Ala., died September 18, 2012

DWAYLA WAYNE '65
of Houston, Texas, died September 15, 2012

DONALD WARNER '66
of Woodstock, Va., died October 8, 2012

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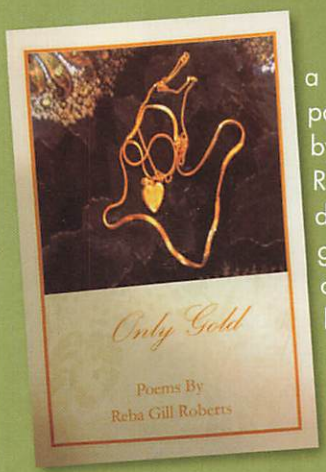
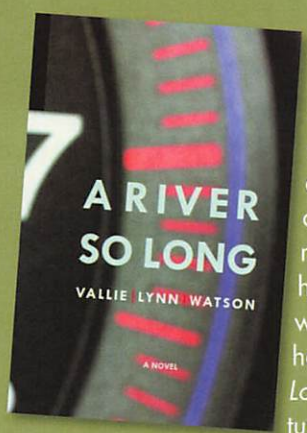
Only Gold
Reba Gill Roberts '64
Self-Published, 2009
Purchase Price: $15 + $3 Shipping
Available directly from the author, at 419 Curran Avenue, Brookhaven, MS 39601
Page Count: 80



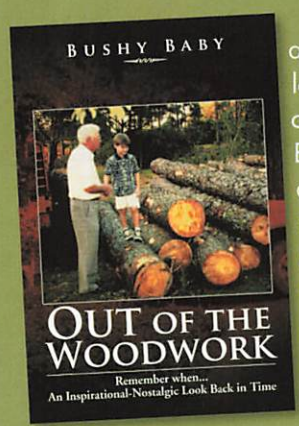
Only Gold is a collection of poems written by Reba Gill Roberts, with design and graphics contributed by her husband Raymond Roberts. The poems depict home and family life, observations, and travels taken from personal experience. The overall theme of the book is illustrated by the title poem, showing the gold in life that remains after the dross of unnecessary concerns or frivolities of life have been burned away by experience–even adversity--as exemplified by memories that remain when loved ones are lost. The poems are divided into three thematic sections: "Serendipity," "The Home Front" and "The Highway." The poems are interspersed with the couple's photography and quotes from favorite poets.

A River So Long
Vallie Lynn Watson '09
Luminis Books, 2012
Purchase Price: $17.95
Avalaible through Amazon.com and LuminisBooks.com
Page Count: 180



Telling the tale of a commercial real estate agent attempting to make sense of her life and the world around her, *A River So Long* is a smart, tumultuous look into the modern lives of today's adult. Combining romantic interests, attempts to piece together a life, and showcasing vistas from along the great Mississippi river and more, Watson tells a great story that resonates deeply with many of us. Utilizing a strong main character that many could relate to, Watson helps connect the reader to the story in a refreshing way that the world of fiction has needed for some time. While many will find the style of writing different from pieces they have read in the past, this new examination of the world around us is sure to be a read that you will be unable to put down.

Out of the Woodwork
Katherine P. Bush, '78
Xlibris
Purchase Price: $15 + shipping
Available directly from the author, write to Katherinebush09@gmail.com
Page Count: 221

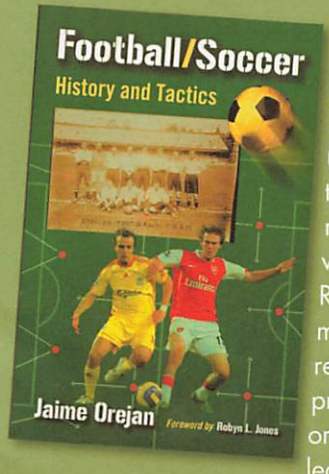


A humorous and inspirational look into the life of the author, Bush describes a simpler time in Jones County, Miss., where family kept land for over a century, everyone knew everyone's name, and the world was a perfect place. Featuring explorations into schooling, church, family dynamics and more, the author paints a

MARIE SOLLEK '69
of Madison, died September 25, 2012
WILLIAM TOMPKINS '69
of Jackson, died September 26, 2012
DR. FRED PRICE '70
of Ewing, N.J., died September 29, 2012
BENJAMIN HOPPER '72
of Clinton, died October 10, 2012
DR. LEROY MORGANTI '72
of Benoit, died September 6, 2012
KEVIN DROWN '74
of Gulfport, died October 24, 2012
FRANK HERRING '74
of Winona, died October 21, 2012
COL. RAYMOND WEBER '74
of Hattiesburg, died September 2, 2012
LORI HELEN NOSSER '76
of Vicksburg, died July 8, 2012
DOROTHY SHADWICK '78
of Meridian, died October 24, 2012
CLARENCE JOHNSON '80
of Smyrna, Ga., died September 6, 2012
DR. RITA NORDAN '82
of Brandon, died August 28, 2012
SARA CLARK '84
died October 20, 2012
MARK LANDRY '86
of Gulfport, died October 23, 2012
DAVID STRINGFELLOW '86
of Hanover, Md., died August 14, 2012

beautiful picture of a Southern family living their lives the best way they know how. Additionally, Bush has several shorter pieces of her writing included that show a small glimpse into everyday situations that she has experienced throughout her years. From remembering how life was at the beginning of the century to her adventures helping her grandchildren as they begin their college careers, Bush shows us how truly pleasant living life can be.

Football/Soccer: History and Tactics
Jaime Orejan, Ph.D '84 '91 '95
McFarland, 2011
Purchase Price: $32
Available through Amazon.com
Page Count: 256

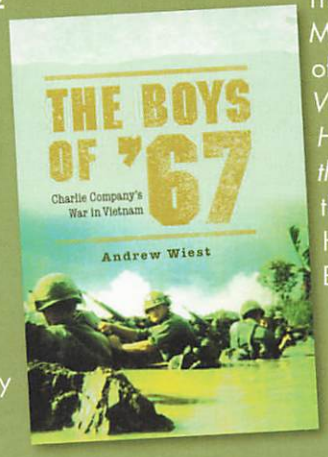


In many parts of the world, football ("soccer" in the U.S.) represents a way of life. Roughly 150 million players register for professional or amateur leagues, and roughly two billion people of all ages across the globe enjoy football recreationally. Few people, however, know the origins of the game or understand how its tactics evolved. This informative work traces the historical development of football and its team tactics from 1863–the year the English Football Association was founded–to the present. It describes significant formations and trends, identifies the major reasons for tactical changes, and introduces the most influential leaders in the sport. Also included are a glossary of relevant terms, a history of the World Cup, and a biographical list of famous players of the past. This essential resource for coaches, players and fans will foster a greater understanding of and appreciation for the world's most popular team sport.

The Boys of '67
Dr. Andrew Wiest
Osprey Publishing, 2012
Purchase Price: $25.95
Available through Amazon.com
Page Count: 376

When the 160 men of Charlie Company (4th Battalion/47th Infantry/9th ID) were drafted by the U.S. Army in May 1966, they were part of the wave of conscriptions that would swell the American military to 80,000 combat troops in theater by the height of the war in 1968. In the spring of 1966, the war was still popular, and the draftees of Charlie Company saw their service as a rite of passage. But by December 1967, when the company rotated home, only 30 men were not casualties—and they were among the first vets of the war to be spit on and harassed by war protestors as they arrived back the U.S.

In his new book, *The Boys of '67*, Andy Wiest, the award-winning author of *Vietnam's Forgotten Army* and *The Vietnam War 1956-1975*, examines the experiences of a company from the only division in the Vietnam era to train and deploy together in similar fashion to WWII's famous 101st Airborne Division. Dr. Wiest is a professor of history at The University of Southern Mississippi. He is the author of 14 books, including *Vietnam's Forgotten Army: Heroism* and *Betrayal in the ARVN*, which won the Society for Military History's Distinguished Book Award.



ROBERT BRADFORD '87
of Sandy Point, Maine, died September 3, 2012

DAVID OGLETREE '88
of Jackson, died August 23, 2012

JIMMY SKINNER '90
of Perkinston, died October 22, 2012

DR. ROBERT CARROL '92
of York, Pa., died September 22, 2012

DR. MARTHA HAMMOND '94
of Jackson, died August 26, 2012

BOYD COOK '05
of Perkinston, died October 6, 2012

COREY L. NOBLES '12
of Summit, died August 14, 2012

JAMES ELVIS CUMBEST
of Mississippi, died November 23, 2012

VIRGINIA BERRY
of Hattiesburg, died October 16, 2012

PETER SCIANNA
of Bay St. Louis, died October 2, 2012

DR. MAURICE D. BINGHAM
of Pearl, died November 2012

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Answers below are to questions asked on Page 14.

1. Ray Charles
2. Fred Cook in 1974
3. Fred Lewis in 1960-61
4. McLemore Hall
5. In 1940, President J.B. George finally lifted the ban on student dancing, but faculty chaperones remained a requirement for nearly 20 years after that decision was made.

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Share Your Family's Golden Eagle Story...

Pictured from left, front row: Melissa Lang '10, '12; Sarah Kathryn Cronier '11, '13; and Lauren Lang Ishee (currently attending). Second row sitting: Kathy Lang Hicks '77, '78; Linda Lang Ishee '84; Sissy Lang Barrett '90, '92; and Vivian Duckworth Lang '53.
Third row standing: Jess Lang '80; David Ishee '85; Bruce Lang '81; Mary Lawrence Lang '88; Scott Lang '89; Jeff Barrett '89, '91; Mary Margaret Lang Cronier '13; and Susan Lang Greenough '06.

Not pictured: Jessie Lang '08, '13; and the late Elmo Lang '54 (inset picture)

"Southern Miss has played such an important role in the lives of the Lang family - with four generations of our family attending Southern Miss, we have been involved since its first decade when my grandmother was a student. My parents met here, I met my husband here, and our daughter is currently attending. All seven of my siblings, as well as some of my in-laws and nieces have attended. My parents inspired great love in us for Southern Miss, and we hope to continue that legacy into our University's second century!"

—Linda Lang Ishee '84

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- The Alumni Association plays a key role in recruiting the children and grandchildren of Southern Miss alumni.
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